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Why Do We Celebrate Gay Pride Every June?

The Stonewall Riot was possibly the watershed moment in lesbian and gay history during June 27-29, 1969 in Greenwich Village, New York. Most histories start with the fact that June 27 was the day of Judy Garland's funeral. Some Greenwich Village bars were draped in black as a sign of respect. The police led a raid on the Stonewall Inn, the divey Mafia-owned bar on Christopher Street.

Two barbers, three drag queens and patrons, including a Latino man and a lesbian, were arrested. Gay activist Bruce Voeller said the person who probably started the Stonewall Riot was a macho-looking Puerto Rican who provoked people and who kept shouting, "Why do you let them get away with this, stop letting them beat you up." When the arrested lesbian struggled with the police, the crowd began to hurl beer bottles and coins. Someone poured lighter fluid through the window, and ignited it.

The police turned to find themselves confronting a chorus line of dancing queens singing, "We are the Stonewall girls." The police had broken up the crowd, but the next day crowds gathered to see the debris and the graffiti that read, "Legalize gay bars" and "Support gay power." An even larger crowd did a reprise of their performance of the previous night. The riot saw the formation of the Gay Liberation Front, Gay Activists Alliance, and the Mattachine Newsletter. It is for this reason that June is celebrated in the annual Pride marches in cities worldwide.

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How Did the Rainbow Flag Originate?

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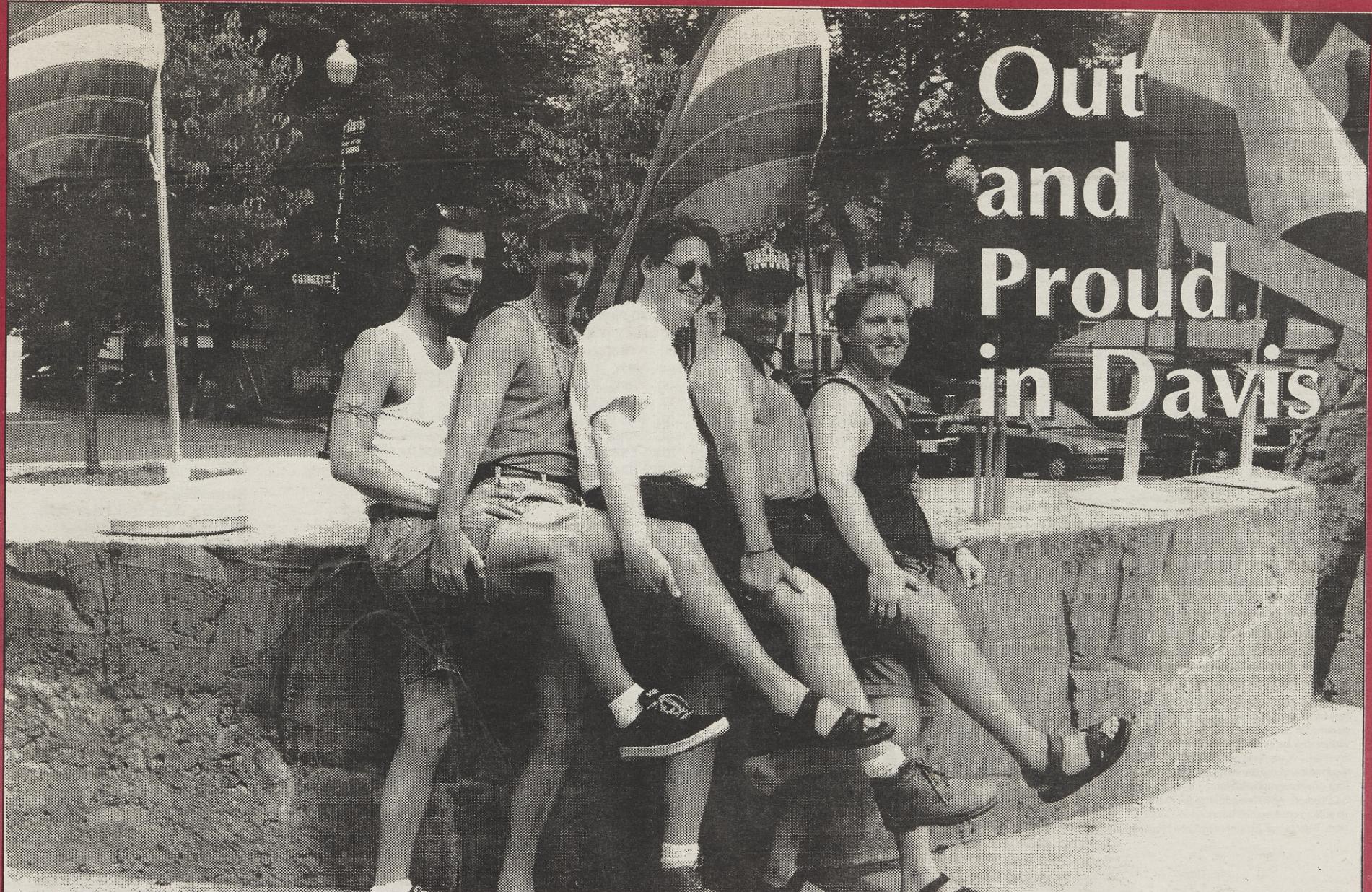
The first rainbow design had eight horizontal stripes: hot pink for sex, red for life, orange for healing, yellow for sun, green for serenity with nature, turquoise for art, indigo for harmony, and violet for spirit.

Due to production constraints, hot pink and turquoise stripes were dropped and royal blue replaced the indigo stripe. Thus, the current six-striped flag (red, yellow, green, blue, and violet) was created and adopted.



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Coors Beer "Boycott"

Dear Editor,

I wanted to share the following letter with you. A preface, however. Bill Coors has been a friend of mine for 19 years. At my request, he donated \$1,000 to the "No on (Proposition) 6" campaign back in 1978 (proposition would have forbidden homosexuals from teaching in California schools) and has since donated other monies; including \$1,000 to my congressional campaign in 1984.

Bill became very involved in and founded the Adolph Coors Medical Research Foundation; a great majority of funds and time going strictly to AIDS. I personally benefitted from their efforts. In 1995, when I was becoming very sick, they flew me to Hilton Head, South Carolina, and Denver, Colorado, for various tests and experimental and practical treatments. I credit Bill with keeping me alive. And I get hot under the collar with the so-called "Coors Boycott" in the gay community for, having been politically active at its inception in 1977 (San Francisco), I personally know it has more to do with Coors being not unionized (although their employees are paid more than any other brewery and Coors has had, since the late 1980s, domestic partner benefits and many other advantages for gay employees).

Anyway, here is one of Bill's most recent letters to me in its entirety. Thought you might find it of interest. He gave me permission to share it (but does not know with whom I may do so).

Kevin Wadsworth
The Lone Antler Ranch

Dear Kevin,

Thanks for your good letter and for your continued support of our cause in the gay community. It is a sad commentary that the vocal activists on any issue invariably do their cause more harm than good. Broad-minded people whom I know have no trouble with the concept of homosexuality, but they get totally turned off by the crass exhibitionism of the gay parades that the news media so delight in bringing to the public. Activists find their cause for living in their activism—their claim to fame. Finding causes to hate and rail against is simply hard work. Even though a cause were to disappear, the hate simply refocuses on past practice. A wife-beater will be a wife-beater even if that last beating was forty years ago.

Adolph Coors Foundation carries no relationship to Coors Brewing Company other than the fact that it holds 2 percent of the brewery's stock which produces 3 percent of its philanthropic dollars. Because of the flap that these dollars create, the Foundation is presently disposing of its brewery stock. The Foundation does contribute to some conservative causes. The assumption of the activist set is that conservatism is by nature and action homophobic, pro-life, anti-Semitic, and racially biased. Homosexuality and abortion are two issues on which the Foundations maintains a rigid posture of neutrality. Organizations which foster religious, racial, or social bias are off our list as well.

Adolph Coors Foundation supported the Adolph Coors Medical Research Foundation to the tune of \$2 million. The mission of this latter foundation was to develop a low-cost protocol for the management of AIDS such that the infected person could live a normal, productive life with HIV. That research would be ongoing today if we hadn't lost the services and medical genius of our principal researcher, Dr. Rajko Medenica. The combination of photophoresis and electrical tissue stimulation was quite successful in lowering the viral load to acceptable levels and holding it there. The estimated annual cost of this protocol per patient was under \$2,000. My personal contribution to this research effort was close to \$400,000.

I take exception to any request to document all of the above, because it is too easy for the Doubting Thomases to claim fake. The records of both foundations are subject to public scrutiny, and my personal financial records are available to any inquiring reporter who shows me the courtesy of asking to see them.

In closing, I'm sorry to hear about the prostatitis. This is a miserable condition that can be quite refractory. I wish you a speedy recovery.

Warm regards,

Bill
William K. Coors
Chairman of the Board/President
Adolph Coors Company

Where Are the Good Men?

Dear Editor,

I am a bisexual man who "came out" about ten years ago. Before I did so, I had heard many things about gay men: how warm and sensitive, loving and understanding they are, and so I was willing to try a relationship.

After ten years I can say that gay men are not what they think they are. I have lived in many places: San Francisco, New York, Los Angeles, London, Paris, Italy, and many more, and I can say that gay men are anything but warm and sensitive. In fact, about 95 percent of the gay men I've met are not compassionate, are liars, are interested in men only for sex (an emphasis on this), and they are the most shallow beings on earth. I had a brother who died of AIDS; he as well as all of his friends, for

he had many, fit this description perfectly. One of them told me, "Of course we're that way; we're fags."

The sad thing is gay men perpetuate their own stereotype, for the above description is exactly how most people imagine them to be. I think gay men should stop fooling themselves thinking they are so wonderful and sensitive, for these things they truly are not. With a mentality of once is a one-night stand, twice is a relationship, three times a marriage, how can one take these people seriously?

I have been looking for even a half-way decent relationship with a man for these ten years: bars (that ended after one week), parties, introductions, columns, personal ads in print and by phone, and countless other ways. One gay man told me I just have to go with the flow and take what's out there. Take what's out there?! How low does he think one's self-esteem should go? How many "relationships" has he had in ten years? ("Twenty-five or so, but I've lost count.") I so much would like to know a man intimately, but I think at this point it is much better to go back to women or to be celibate.

How wonderful a relationship with a man could be! For myself and many other men, I feel sad that I and they will never experience this.

Robert Johnson

Editor's Response:

I, like you, am relatively new to the gay community and lifestyle. I share some of your observations about how some gay men perceive themselves and behave. However, my conclusions about our community differ greatly with yours.

I have met numerous gay men in Sacramento and elsewhere who maintain and project respect, wisdom, and inner-peace for themselves and others. Nevertheless, I have observed that too many gay men appear to show less self-esteem than they deserve. This isn't surprising, however, considering the relentless negative feedback from family members, politicians, and church and civic leaders that homosexuality represents sub-human behavior.

The gbt community, especially the Sacramento gbt community, is full of heroes. As MGW Editor, I meet gay men and lesbians every day who demonstrate great personal strength and courage, despite the fact that they live within a culture that often loathes them.

MGW has launched a major effort to introduce our readers to these gbt heroes, and to thereby more accurately reflect our Sacramento community.

So, sir, you ask, "where are the good men?" Keep reading MGW, and we'll show you.

Jim Long
MGW/Editor

Barbara Jordan was a Lesbian

The following letter was sent to the New York Times by Glenn Rice of Davis.

Francis X. Cline
The New York Times
229 West 43rd Street
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Dear Mr. Cline,

Regarding your article about Barbara Jordan in the San Francisco Chronicle on January 18, 1996, the day after she died at her home in Texas at the age of 59.

In your article you say she stirred the nation with her Churchillian denunciations of the Watergate abuses of Richard M. Nixon," that she "taught political ethics" at the University of Texas, that "her students recalled her as never being without a copy of the Constitution in her purse," that she "was a consummate politician from her earliest days in the Texas legislature," that she was "the first African-American state senator in Texas history," that she was "the first African-American woman to deliver a keynote address at the Democratic National Convention, riveting her audience on national television as she spoke magisterially from the stage at New York's Madison Square Garden," that she was a political pioneer, and that she said, "all blacks are militant in their guts." You said that Ms. Jordan was the youngest of three sisters, that she was born into poverty, and that she attended segregated schools in Houston and graduated with debating honors and magna cum laude from Texas Southern University. But you did not say that Ms. Jordan was a lesbian, or even once mention the woman who was her long-time partner!

Your omission is outrageous and unpardonable, and only serves to prolong the egregious abuse and ignorant [and] malicious treatment of gay persons in this country by a public continuing to be kept uninformed by journalists such as you.

Glenn Rice

Wild Stuff at Clear Lake

Dear Editor,

A great group of forty Wild Men, including Mr. Gay Sacramento 97/98, Jeffery Gordy, attended our first Wild Men's Weekend at the Edgewater Resort held on May 2-4. We're looking forward to getting bigger and wilder at our second Wild Men's Weekend on September 26-27, with a few added suggestions from the men, Best Butt, Best Chest, and Best Decorated Campsite contests.

More than half of our Wild Men proudly displayed their "single safety pins" (I'm single & looking), and half already booked their reservations for September before leaving!

We had a doggone good time at Pet Club Med Weekend in April, with 16 contestants in our Amateur/Mutt Dog Show. Pet People Owners didn't want to wait a year to do it again, so we have scheduled a second 1997 Pet Club Med Weekend on October 17-19. Wild Women's Weekend II, May 17-18 had a crowd of 120 Wild Women.

Thanks to all MGW readers for supporting us in our second year.

Sincerely,
Sandra West and Lora Tell,
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Rally held at the Capitol

The seventh annual AIDS Lobby Day, sponsored by LIFE Lobby, was June 2 with a rally on the Capitol steps. The reception Key Note speaker was Assembly Majority Leader Antonio Villaraigosa along with speakers at the rally: Deborah Scheer with her HIV 7 year old son, Dillon; Pearl Jemison-Smith; Pamela Isaacs; and Oscar Garcia.▼

Domestic Partners Insurance Bill Approved

The California State Assembly passed two pieces of L/G equal rights legislation and failed four others. In an historic bipartisan vote, the State Assembly passed AB 1059, legislation authored by Assemblywoman Carole Migden (D-SF) which will require disability and health insurance carriers to provide the option of domestic partner benefits to their clients, giving businesses the ability to offer such coverage to their employees.

"This bill will benefit real people, thousands of Californians in non-traditional families, including same sex couples and opposite sex couples who live together in

Also passed was AB257 authored by Antonio Villaraigosa, this bill would add "sexual orientation" to California's Fair Employment and Housing Act. ▼

West Hollywood Passes Resolution Recognizing Coors

The West Hollywood City Council passed a resolution acknowledging the accomplishments of Coors Brewing Company with regard to their relations with the L/G community. First passed by the City's L/G Advisory Council, the resolution was sponsored by Tempore Steve Martin and Councilman John Heilmann.

The West Hollywood Lesbian & Gay Advisory Council advises the West Hollywood City Council on issues of importance to the City's L/G residents.

The Resolution reads: "A resolution of the City of West Hollywood acknowledging the efforts that the Coors Brewing Company has made in its policies and relations with the lesbian and gay community."

David Fisher, a member of the Advisory Council, in researching

Coors, discovered the company had adopted policies to protect and provide equal benefits to its gay employees. "Once I realized Coors had implemented policies which go beyond what most 'gay friendly' companies had done, I felt that Coors was being treated unfairly by some in our community by continuing a boycott that had officially ended in 1987."

Councilmember Heilmann said, "The boycott was justified initially, but the Company has made progress. We need to recognize them for making progress." ▼

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Dan Lungren Continues to Bash Gays and Lesbians

Project Tocsin learned that California Attorney General Dan Lungren has quietly filed an *amicus* brief asking the Hawaii State Supreme Court to overturn a lower court ruling which would allow same-sex marriages. This is the second time that Lungren has filed an *amicus* brief in out-of-state courts in the name of the People of the State of California seeking to deny equal treatment of gay and lesbian citizens.

So far the duly elected legislature of the State of California has seen fit not to pass laws which refuse to recognize same-sex marriages from other states.

Two years ago, Lungren, saying he was trying to defend state's rights, filed an *amicus* brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in support of the infamous Amendment 2, which would have denied equal treatment before the law to Colorado's gay and lesbian citizens.

"If the Attorney General really believes in a state's right to conduct its own affairs, why is he using the precious tax dollars of the People of the Sovereign State of California to interfere in the internal affairs of the People of the Sovereign State of Hawaii?" asks Jerry Sloan, President of Project Tocsin.

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NOT MY AISLE

Summer Blockbusters: Batman and Throbbin'

We are now being inundated with the latest and (so they tell us) greatest stock of summer movie releases. Last year we sat through *Twister*, *Mission Impossible*, and *The Very Brady Sequel*. This year we have Jeff Goldblum stumbling through dialogue in *Lost World*, the hormone stirring *Batman & Robin* (with gay icon-elect Alicia Silverstone), and an attempt at modern SciFi with *The Fifth Element*. All those along with 101 other action flicks, most destined for 3am HBO time slots.

Along with the routine onslaught of steroid junkies trying to be the next *Terminator*, inevitably, some never-before-heard-of movie company in some little Southern California town, will release yet another "we're just like everybody else" movie. Preaching to the choir again, Reverend? It will be slightly witty, yet utterly boring - show on two screens nationwide, bring in about \$5,000 and be on the Sundance Channel in two months.

Face it, even we don't go see movies about us anymore. One of the reasons may be because gay movies are so friggin' boring! We have yet to see a real action hero character that is openly gay. W-here is the gay *Die Hard*? Where is the gay *Indiana Jones*? (I bet he was bi!) Where is the gay hero in *Independence Day*? Well...dead actually. Which is how most of them end up.

Gay characters are the most expendable in action movies (*Independence Day*), devious murderers in art/suspense movies (*Basic Instinct*) or wimps like in *Jeffrey*. Now don't get me wrong, *Jeffrey* is a killer movie. But I hardly see him saving Tokyo from Gay-zilla. I do however see Nathan Lane playing the part of the person who inevitably trips two feet from the getaway car and sacrifices himself for the others (no big loss).

Gay themes do, however, seem to be a fascination for European movie makers, only the plots are usually about an upbeat as the thought of Pat Buchanan as President. If the French made *Jeffrey*, Steve would have died, Jeffrey would have lived in despondency for another six months (depicted in a six minute, black and white film montage to Francios Hardy music) before blowing his brains out. *The Sum Of Us* would have the main character get hit by a car and the "boyfriend" looking after both the father and son and become a drunk and die. The other two guys being bedridden starve to death. In *Lie Down With Dogs*, the lead would have finally had an affair with his obsession, only to discover he was bi and married and impotent and his long lost brother, etc., etc. Strange to think country music isn't that popular in Europe.

European movies rarely have the empowering endings Americans like to see. We are a nation of people who, like little pink bunnies, "just keep going." European movie characters just whine about life until they kill themselves or move to America and discover life after Jerry Lewis movies.

But we can't stop ourselves from watching European flicks. Why? What is our obsession? Tits and peckers, of course! Face it, there's a hell of a lot of nudity in them there foreign films. And if you don't feel suicidal from the plot, naked people can be fun to look at.

Unlike the quick glimpses of Bruce "So-That's-Why-Demi-Smiles-So-Much" Willis in *Color of Night*, in European flicks, even the most famous of actors and actresses will lounge around naked for two or twelve scenes. (Warning: Gerard Depardieu is a major European star. Danger, Will Robinson! Danger!) They have managed to almost entirely erase the American double standard; the same standard that had Elizabeth Berkley in *Showgirls* (which was not that bad a film, just shut up already) being naked to the extent you no longer really noticed, and Kyle McLaughlin having a five-second butt shot. Can you diagram: Rip off?

So while we sit in theaters this summer, weeding out the subtle gay subplots in "Batmoan and Throbbin'," we will have to make due with the realization that most of the action stars, romantic leads and even random walk-ons are all just as gay as the rest of us. That thought should keep us going until the characters they are playing are as fruity as the closeted bats who are portraying them. And if it doesn't...don't look at me...not my aisle!

- M. Burlingame-Couk

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Cabo's Tacos Airy and Casual

by Kate Myers
MGW/Staff

Cabo's Tacos, at 2330 Arden Way, sports an airy and casual atmosphere with a white stucco exterior and muted pink and green accents. One can dine on the patio beneath colorful umbrellas or inside on the low, comfortable swivel stools with their matching tables and counter. Tall windows and pastel colors give the place an informal seaside resort feel that's very much in keeping with the name.

The music, live plants, chili pepper lights, and the original and eye-catching paintings of talented local artist Miguel Ortega give the place an authentic flavor of the Baja coast.

The owner, Carlos Munguia, who at age 24 is putting himself through law school on the fruits of his labors, deserves to be proud of his achievement. The restaurant, the service and the food all reflected the extra caring touches that only accompany true pride in a job done in keeping with high standards.

In addition to a small selection of wines from Burlwood Cellars, Cabo's Tacos stocks a very good selection of imported and domestic beers and sodas. The ice cold Cerveza I ordered was a perfect accompaniment to the tortilla chips and salsa Carlos offered to get started.

The chips were crisp and still hot, made with 100% cholesterol-free vegetable oil. The salsa was fresh and is made throughout the day. I had to restrain myself from filling up on them.

Carlos brought my food, and it was then that I guessed that he was the owner. Here was a man doing what he loved to do and



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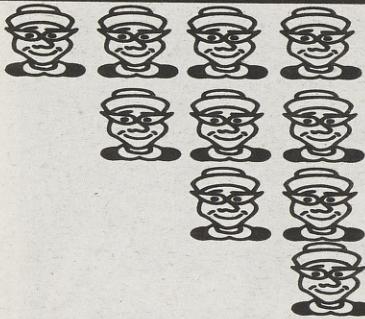
At \$1.75, the ceviche tostada de camarón was as delicious as the menu made it sound. Marinated chopped prawns and fresh tomatoes, onions, cucumber and cilantro served on a crisp, freshly prepared tostada shell, served with a garnish of shredded cabbage and a wedge of lime. For anyone who loves ceviche or shrimp, I would highly recommend this dish.

At \$3.50, the polla asada burrito was sublime, and I usually don't gravitate toward burritos. The tortilla was fresh and soft, gently cradling generous, succulent pieces of grilled chicken, hot off the charbroiler. The moist and flavorful bird was set off perfectly by tender beans, seasoned rice, fresh tomato, onion and cilantro. As big as it was, it didn't fall apart in my hands. This was one burrito that I didn't have to dump hot sauce on to eat. The seasoning was just right. Like Miguel Ortega's paintings on the walls, it was a work of art.

With plenty of parking in back, Cabo's Tacos was an easy in and out. The service was friendly and attentive, the food both well prepared and healthy, and the prices

reasonable. If I could pick two words to describe Cabo's Tacos, they would be integrity and freshness. I would take Mom there anytime, but I'd have to watch her closely or she'd end up adopting Carlos! This fine establishment rates 3.5 out of 4 smiley faces, and will see my smiling face again before too long. ▼

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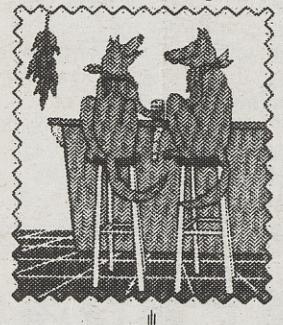
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Sonoma Valley Bagel Cafe at 7951 Greenback is spacious and airy, with a casual upscale feel, with cherrywood stained furniture, tiled floors and counter front. Through a large window in the back of the restaurant, I could see the huge, gleaming oven. The outdoor patio with its white umbrellas, the wooden ceiling fans, and tract lighting gave it a cosmopolitan touch that would have made Biba feel right at home.

Two flavors of biscotti sandwiched the cash register. The espresso bar beckoned me, even though it was past my caffeine cut-off time. Fortunately, the coffee was available in three strengths: Rick's Rocket Fuel, Cafe Blend and No Jolt. With the lip-smacking selection of smoothies, such as Mango Tango, Strawberry Fields and Morning Blast, it is possible to fuel up here without hitting the caffeine. If you can't decide between the coffee and the smoothies, you can always try a Mocha.

Madness, which is the best of both worlds.

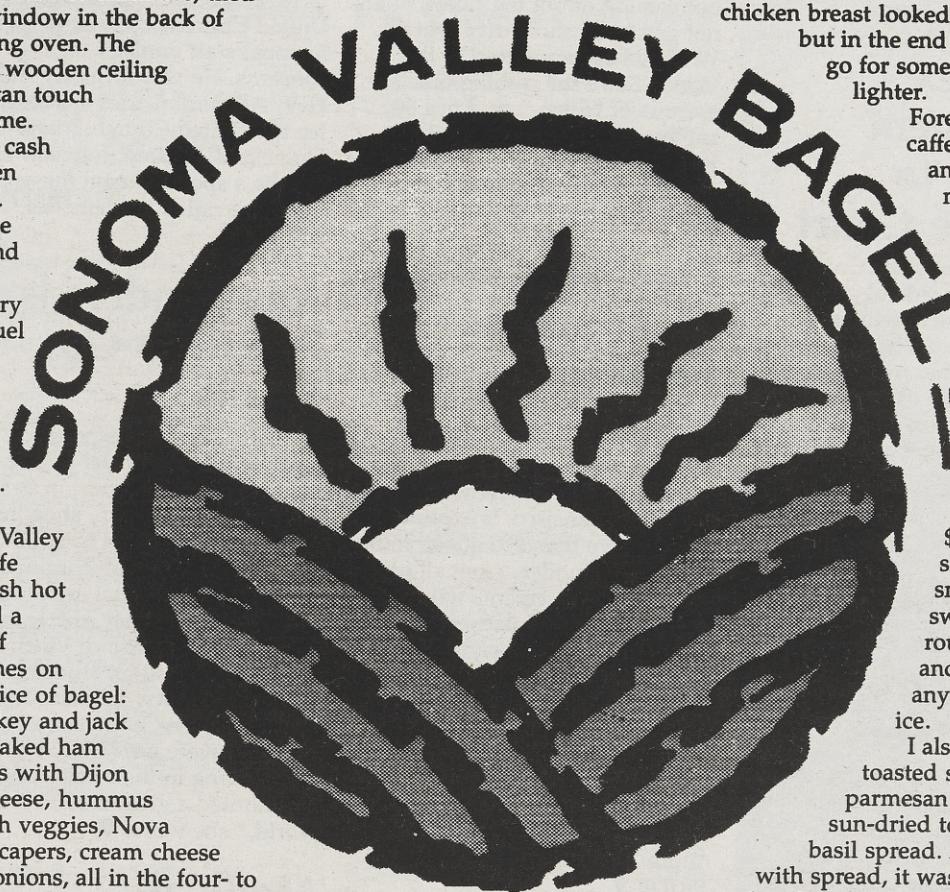
There is a good selection of flavored iced teas, fresh juices, spring and sparkling water, soft drinks and Italian sodas, as well as scones, brownies and fresh baked cookies. It's a yuppie paradise.

The selection of big, fat, fresh bagels was great, with some varieties I had never seen before, such as cranberry, trail mix, and scored garlic. The Sonoma Valley Bagel Spreads are blended daily with fat-free or reduced-fat cream cheese (they don't taste like reduced fat!), including smoked salmon, pesto, raspberry raisin nut, spicy salsa, and others. Also try the hummus, peanut butter, or

Sonoma preserves.

Sonoma Valley Bagel Cafe offers fresh hot soup and a variety of sandwiches on your choice of bagel: roast turkey and jack cheese, baked ham and swiss with Dijon cream cheese, hummus with fresh veggies, Nova lox with capers, cream cheese and red onions, all in the four- to five-buck range.

The daily special was tuna salad on a bagel with a cookie, brownie, muffin, biscotti or chips, and coffee, tea or soda for only \$5.25. The



turkey and cranberry sandwich and Caesar salad with grilled chicken breast looked tempting, but in the end I decided to go for something a little lighter.

Foregoing caffeine, I chose an iced coffee mocha, made with the No Jolt blend and nonfat milk (to offset all that real whipped cream!).

At \$2.00 for a single, it was smooth and sweet, with no rough edges, and didn't lose anything to the ice.

I also tried the toasted spinach parmesan bagel with sun-dried tomato and basil spread. At \$1.95 with spread, it was very fresh and with just the right amount of "chew." It tasted wonderful with the fat-free spread, which I didn't even realize was fat-free until afterward.

At \$3.95, the salad of mixed greens was topped with fat slices of cucumber and tomato, crunchy croutons (not a bit of iceberg filler in it), and tossed with a tasty blue cheese dressing. The greens, cucumber and croutons were delicious, but the tomatoes looked a little sad. The piece I tried had a sour taste. With some fresh tomatoes, it would have been great.

The food, service, selection, and atmosphere were all good. I would certainly buy bagels there and intend to go back and try a sandwich sometime. They rated 3 out of 4 smiling faces from Mom, who always appreciates a really good bagel. ▼



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by Deborah Lattimore
MGW/Staff

President Clinton Speaks Out Against Hate Crimes

During his June 7, 1997 radio address, Clinton spoke out against acts of hatred based on skin color, religious affiliation, ethnicity, gender, ability, and sexual orientation. A special White House conference on hate crimes will be convened on November 10, which will bring together victims of hate crimes, their families, law enforcement officials, and officials from Congress and the Justice Department.

Clinton mentioned a recent incident in Washington, D.C., in which three men accosted a gay man in a park, forced him at gunpoint into a park, and beat him viciously. "Such hate crimes, committed solely because the victims have a different skin color or a different faith or are gays or lesbians, leave deep scars not only on the victims, but on our larger community," said the President. ▼

Ex-Dornan Aide: I'm Gay

For twelve years, Brian Bennett was a trusted confidant and eventually chief of staff for then-Representative Robert K. Dornan. Dornan condemned homosexuals as molesters, sodomites and pedophiles. In 1996, Bennett told Dornan he is gay. "There was a pause that seemed like an hour," Bennett said, "then he reached over, put his arm around me and kissed me on the cheek, and said, 'I've loved you like a son for 20 years. Did you think this would make any difference?'" Dornan advised Bennett to attend Catholic Mass every day to deal with his homosexuality, which Dornan believes is a sin. Bennett said he is making his story public in hopes that it will help other gay conservatives who struggle with their sexuality. ▼

Gay Parliament Member Named to British Cabinet

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who led the country's Labor

Party to a landslide election victory, has appointed an openly gay member of Parliament to serve on his cabinet. Blair's appointment of Chris Smith to the post of Secretary of State for Heritage marks the first time an openly gay person has served in the British cabinet. ▼

Same-Sex Harassment Headed to Supreme Court

The U.S. Supreme Court will decide whether federal civil rights law protects a man who is subjected to sexual harassment on the job by another man, agreeing to do so in a case of "horseplay" that allegedly took place on an offshore oil drilling platform in Louisiana. ▼

Regents Consider Extending Employee Benefits to Same-Sex Partners

This summer, the University of California Board of Regents will take up the issue of extending employee benefits to same-sex partners. The nine-campus UC system has 12,000 employees, including 7,000 tenure-track faculty. Domestic partnership benefits could put the UC system at a competitive advantage in attracting quality faculty. University of Michigan and University of Iowa already extend such benefits. Ward Connerly, a regent from Sacramento, voiced support for extending benefits to domestic partners. "The issues deserves to be heard. For too long we've ducked it," he said. ▼

DNC Will Offer Health Benefits to Gay Couples

The Democratic National Convention will offer same-sex partners the same health benefits available to spouses of its non-gay employees. DNC now joins about 500 companies, including Microsoft, IBM, Walt Disney Co., Apple Computer, and Time-Warner, in this policy. Couples must have lived together 12 consecutive months to qualify for the benefits. ▼

Nope, She's Not Gay, Winfrey Says

"I am not in the closet. I am not coming out of the closet. I am not gay," talk show diva Oprah Winfrey has announced to the media. Since the coming-out episode of "Ellen," on April 30, rumors have circulated that Winfrey is gay, which she has denied on her talk show and in press releases. ▼

Queer Youth to Meet in San Francisco, July 12-13

The second annual Young, Loud & Proud conference, July 12-13 in San Francisco, is expected to attract more than 500 queer youth, ages 25 and under, from all over the world. Participants will attend workshops and caucuses focusing on HIV/AIDS, safe sex, coming out, homophobia. There will be various speakers, a dance, and a closing event. Volunteers are needed for the planning stages as well as the event itself. Contact: Joseph Rios (415) 703-6150, e-mail: lyric@thecity.sfsu.edu, or LYRIC Youth Talkline at (800) 246-PRIDE. ▼

Boy Scouts Allowed to Fire Gay Leader

A California appellate court ruled that the Boy Scouts of America had the right to fire a Boy Scout leader because he is gay. Superior Court Judge Anthony Joseph had ruled in 1994 that the Boy Scouts violated the rights of Chuck Merino, a police officer for the city of El Cajon for 19 years, when it fired him. The three-judge panel of the state Court of Appeals ruled unanimously that the Boy Scouts are not a business organization and therefore do not fall under the state law and local ordinance banning discrimination against gays. ▼

Ellen DeGeneres: Fur is "Out"

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) announced that Ellen DeGeneres will co-star in its next anti-fur ad, alongside Bill Maher of *Politically Incorrect*. ▼

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United Church of Christ Appoints Gay Minister

William R. Johnson, ordained in 1972, has been appointed by the United Church of Christ as its first national staff minister for l/g concerns. He was formerly the HIV/AIDS ministries specialist for the United Church Board for Homeland Mission. Johnson will also be a spokesperson for equal marriage rights for same-sex couples. ▼

Ann Landers is a Friend to Gay Youth

Ann Landers responded positively to a suicidal young gay man in need of support in her May 25, 1997 column, showing herself to be a friend to youth who face isolation and discrimination based on their sexual orientation. "Did you know that Alexander the Great, Leonardo di Vinci, Michelangelo, Rock Hudson, Freddie Mercury, Truman Capote, Allen Ginsberg, and Tennessee Williams were gay? They were outstanding in their fields and contributed a great deal to the world," she wrote. ▼

Medical Association Internships Available

A public policy internship program sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association has been announced for medical students and others with an interest in lgbt health. Volunteer interns will be expected to work a minimum of 20 hours per week for two months or more. Contact: Rachel Sturman, 459 Fulton St., San Francisco, CA 94102, or email: GrlFriday1@aol.com. ▼

Lavender Pages Online

"Our goal for the online Lavender Pages is to promote the success, visibility, and pride of the worldwide lgbt community," says Webmaster Tom White. "We have travel, events, business, and service organization information available for 40 national/international cities. Contact: www.lavenderpages.com. ▼

IGFLA Soccer World Cup in Washington, D.C., September 23-27, 1997

The largest gay/lesbian-sponsored soccer event of 1997 is now accepting player and guest registration. More than 700 participants from around the world will attend the kickoff, sanctioned by the International Gay & Lesbian Football Association. The annual competition brings together more than 22 men's and women's teams. Info: Randy Diggs, (202) 232-2667, email: igfla97@triad-com.com. ▼

Queer Cartoons - L/G Animation

Absolut, creators of the first-ever-online animation festival *Absolut Panushka*, has teamed up with Frameline, producer of the 21st San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, to develop a special gay-themed experimental animation program which will debut during the festival June 20-29. Info: (415) 703-8650 or email: Frameline@aol.com. ▼

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Activists Win Races for Reform Party

Gay activist and Reform Party National Secretary Jim Mangia won a seat on the California Reform Party Board of Directors at the Los Angeles Regional Convention. Cynthia Nesler, a lesbian activist in San Francisco, won her race in the San Francisco region. Info: (213) 694-2492. ▼

Win a Restaurant!

What would you create in the restaurant of your dreams? The owners of Korsos Cafe are offering a real San Francisco restaurant as the prize in the Dream Restaurant Contest. The only requirement is the desire to own a restaurant and a compelling idea of what you would create. Contest ends July 31, 1997 and is open to anyone over 18. Email: www.korsos.com or call (415) 522-8787. ▼

WomenFest Key West '97

Women are taking over the entire island of Key West, September 3-9, for the annual WomenFest Key West '97. Every kind of fun known to womankind will be available. Email: <http://key-west.com/WomenFest>. J. Harrington, (305) 296-4238. ▼

America's First Nighttime G/L Parade

The Pride Committee of Houston will host America's first nighttime g/l parade on June 28, 1997. The parade is expected to draw up to 50,000 attendees and over 100 parade entries. Info: (713) 529-6979. ▼

A Strong Message from Gay Filmmaker Arthur Dong

Licensed To Kill is a hard hitting documentary that raises important questions to gay men. The director Arthur Dong uses crime scene photos, video footage and interviews from criminals who have committed murders and acts of violence against gay men to show us just how ultimately fatal homophobia can be.

Most of the subjects Dong interviewed have killed gay men cruising in parks. His intent was not against public sex, but if you choose to behave this way in the early hours of the morning, these sick predators could possibly be

lurking. Dong's film provokes the thought that we sometimes place ourselves in the victim position and that all we have to do is be aware and prepared for such violent ignorance. We are also reminded that these men are just plain mentally disturbed, far from remorseful and in a world that is not perfect will always be present in today's society. ▼

'Ellen' House Parties Make History

Over 3,200 Human Rights Campaign parties were held all over the nation during 'Ellens' coming out episode aired on ABC. HRC's new job discrimination commercial played in 35 willing markets across the country including Washington DC. There were 30 other markets open who chose not to air the ad. Elizabeth Birch said, "While most Americans oppose job discrimination against gay people, most just don't know that it is completely legal in 41 states. We're celebrating a milestone on the road to greater fairness and accuracy in media portrayals of gay people, while shedding light on the problem of job discrimination." Birch attended Washington's largest "Ellen Coming Out Day", party attended by more than 800 people. ▼

Gay & Lesbian Medical Association

Over 600 gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender physicians and medical students will gather in SF. Aug. 21-23 for the Annual Symposium of the GLMA. The Symposium will include cutting-edge presentations on the latest research results from studies such as: Psychosocial challenges for LGB & T youth; protease inhibitors; challenges faced by HIV-positive physicians; and primary medical management for G&L organizations. For more info call (415) 255-4547 or www.gdma.org. ▼

Lesbian Writers

Susan Fox Rogers, lesbian editor, is sponsoring two writing contests. "Looking Home", is the theme for the first contest, exploring the many ways that lesbians spend time at home. Deadline: Postmarked by

July 20, 1997 "Women On The Verge: Lesbian Tales Of The Daring" Is the theme for this contest, manuscripts postmarked by Sept 20, 1997 For more info: Susan Fox Rogers, 132 Mallory Rd. Ghent, NY 12075 or srrogers@aol.com. ▼

wanted to end the relationship. Colleen Rubio, Cartagena's fiancee says, "I feel badly for the Eastwood family, but I just want my man back

home with me and our children, but I do want him to get counseling so he won't be bisexual anymore." Cartagena will be sentenced June 9th. ▼

TV Video Contest

The 1997 Athena Awards for Lesbian Excellence in Film, Video & TV are to be announced December 15, 1997. The awards sponsored by Northern Arts/The Niad Press, will honor excellence in film, video and TV by or about lesbians and lesbian issues. There is no entry fee. Deadline: October 15th, 1997. For entry form send S.A.E. to: Awards Coordinator, Athena Awards, P.O. Box 201, Williamsburg, MA 01096 (413) 268-9301 Fax : (413) 268-9309. ▼

International Gay & Lesbian Conference

The largest IGL Religious gathering will take place in Sydney, Australia July 20-25.

Rev. Troy D. Perry, founder and moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches is presenting workshops and seminars exploring gay sexuality, spirituality, activism, gay parenting, outreach and more. Additional information is available by writing UFMCC, 8704 Santa Monica Blvd, 2nd floor, West Hollywood, CA 90069, phone (310) 360-8640, or E-mail at UFMCCHQ@aol.com. ▼

Alleged Bisexual Guilty in Gay Killing

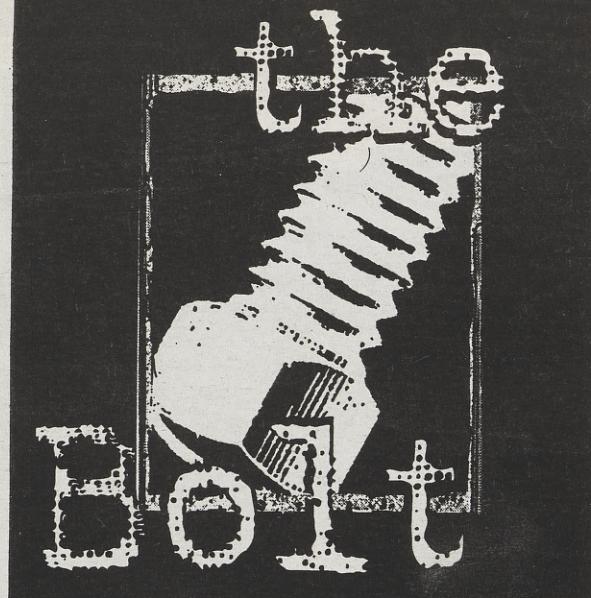
John Eastwood, a gay hair stylist was found hanged with a belt wrapped around his neck in his ransacked Olde City PA residence. Victor Cartagena, the murderer and alleged bisexual lover, faces five years in this bizarre killing. Cartagena, a longtime acquaintance who performed odd jobs for Eastwood, pleaded guilty to the murder. Detectives claimed Eastwood died solely of autoerotic asphyxiation, a sex act practiced by individuals who cut off the oxygen supply to enhance sex. The medical examiner proved it was homicide.

In court, Cartagena said he accidentally killed Eastwood when he was asked to tighten a belt around his neck, but Eastwood's sister believes Victor was angry that John

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Gay Stock Car Racer Speeds Into Marysville

by Michael James
MGW/Staff

Ken Redman, a 34 year old ex-truck driver, is finding his niche in the world of stock car racing. Saturday June 7 was his first time on the track, testing his skills at the Twin Cities Raceway in Marysville. His interest in this sport began in the mid-80's when he worked on a pit crew in Placerville.

Since then he has been an avid fan, attending the weekly events in Marysville, becoming involved in the Pit action and on going drama.

The action gets going early in the Pit, well before race time. Ken and his crew are leaning over the exposed engine of the '73 Chevy Chevel — the carburetor needs some adjusting, a pair of pliers is put to good use. Ken's car is in the Pure Stock division — regular sized cars with stock specifications. Three other divisions are also racing tonight: Mini-stocks (pintos, ford escorts), modifieds, and sprints. The first laps around the mud track are taken by the sprints — the mud-packing laps. Next are the qualifiers, with Hot Laps interspersed between the rounds. (Hot Laps are used by the drivers to test their cars and make any final adjustments before the heats.) The real racing does not start until well into the night, but there is enough action in the Pit to keep one busy.

When asked why he decided to finally race the track, Ken tells of the mock feud that has erupted between his friend, #33, and the "Rich Boys," #7 and #17.

"I'm out here to help Eddie [#33]." Ken would like to eventually win a race, but tonight's main goal is to ensure that #7 doesn't get a chance to push #33 off the track, as he did last week. Ken's green glitter Chevel is the defense, if he can get it started and out to the track. For the first heat, Ken is left in the Pit, a faulty ignition problem to blame. On the track, #7 manages

to push #33 off the track, #33 hits back and is black flagged for the move — he is disqualified for this heat but will start at the back of the pack in the Main Event. Once off the track, #33 fumes and stomps his way to the officials — "Why wasn't he black flagged?" And the bad blood continues...

Ken's car is running for the Main Event — two flat tires, "I got in everyone's way," and a trip across the finish line — "I had a lot of FUN. It was a great learning experience."

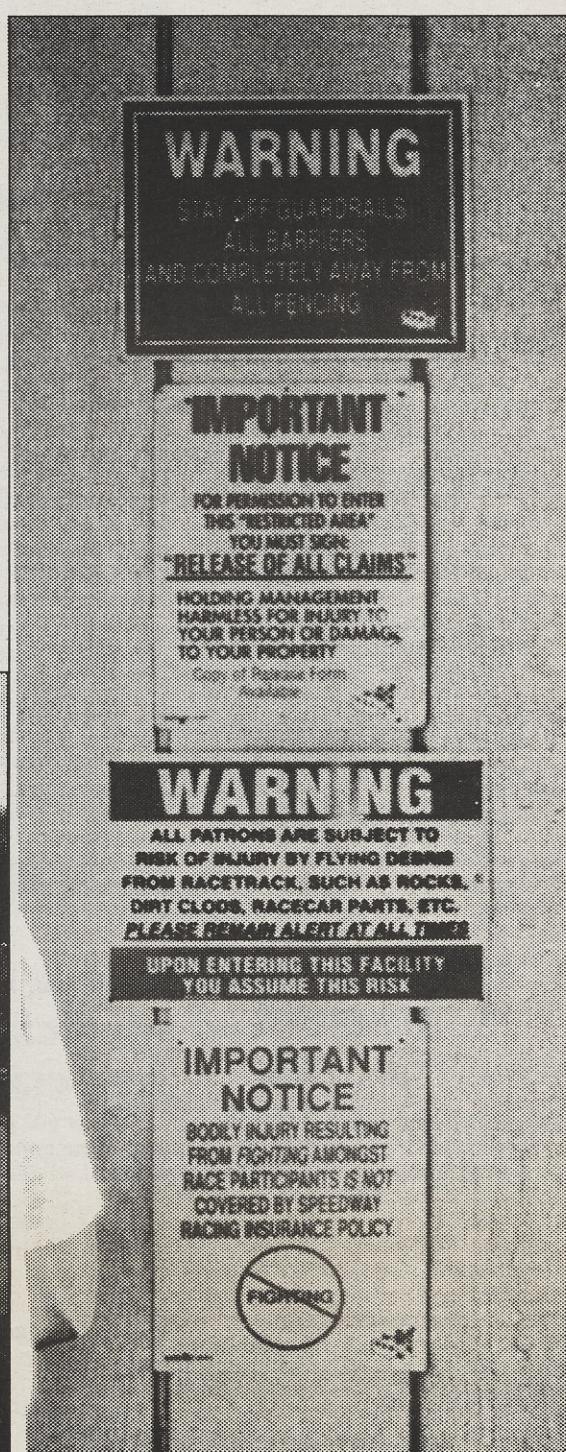
The decision to come out as a Gay man in a sport dominated by white heterosexual males was based mainly on the want to let others in the community

know that there is someone they can relate to racing in Marysville — a good excuse to make the 40 minute drive on a Saturday night. "People have to take a step in their life sometime [to come out]," referring to the possibility of antagonism once his sexuality is known in the Pit. "To be honest, it really doesn't matter to me."

Ken is looking for gay-friendly sponsors to help defer the costs of racing and plans to paint the rainbow flag somewhere on his car. If you're tired of the usual Saturday nights haunts and are looking for something different to do, consider heading to Marysville to support Ken, #34, who is doing his part to further our visibility and acceptance. ▼



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Upper Left: Ken Rodman with his new (slightly used) stock car. Upper Right: Warning signs at the Twin Cities Raceway in Marysville, including a posted prohibition against fighting. Lower: More racing at Twin Cities Raceway. ▼



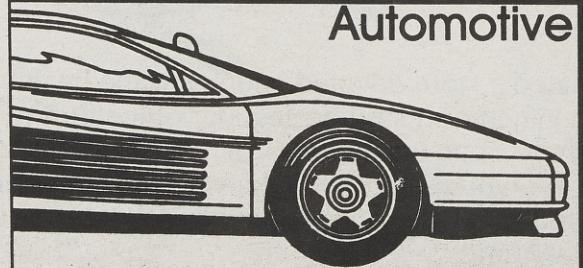
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HOW MANY S'S IN HOLLYWOOD?

June is Busting Out!

by Jerry Semas
MGW/Staff

Director in exile, Roman Polanski's stage musical *'Dance of the Vampires'* will debut in Vienna on October 4 and be sung in German. The show is based on Polanski's 1967 film *'Dance of the Vampires'* which was called 'The Fearless Vampire Killers' here in the states. One scene in the movie features a blond male vampire with the hots for Polanski's character. The score will feature the music of Jim Steinman with lyrics by Austrian Michael Kunze. Steinman is best known as the composer behind Meatloaf's hit songs and Celine Dionne's recent hit 'It's All Coming Back To Me Now'. **▼▼▼** The team responsible for *'The People Vs. Larry Flynt'*, Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski will take their biographical interests to the YMCA. Not so much in location as in theme. The pair plan to write and direct a film about disco denizens *The Village People* for Columbia Pictures. Can't wait to see the Burger King kids meal tie in for this movie. **▼▼▼** *'Sonny & Cher: The Musical'*, is the latest venture being explored by former Sonny & Cher Comedy Hour producer Chris Beardsley. How about *'The Dinah Shore Show'* the musical starring



Sam Harris

Ellen Degeneres with Burt Reynolds as himself (needs the work)? **▼▼▼**

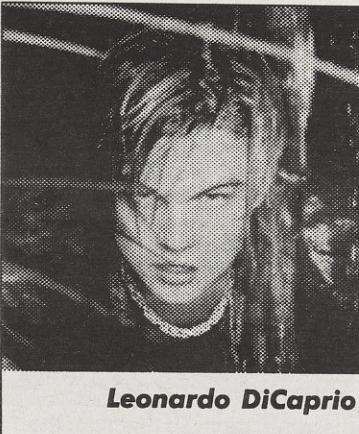
The new Cy Coleman musical *'The Life'* stars Star Search alumnus Sam Harris. The show is set in New York's Times Square during the 1970s. Pity Sam didn't get to sing in the show's one number performed on the Tony Awards. **▼▼▼** Singer/songwriter Jill Sobule, author of the song *'I Kissed the Girl'*, about 2 women with unattentive boyfriends and find comfort in each others arms, has a new CD called *'Happy Town'*. **▼▼▼** Actor and female illusionist Charles Busch unveils a new character this fall. As the title character in the play *'Queen Amarantha'*, Busch plays a female 17th century monarch who prefers wearing men's clothing. sort of Victor/Queen Victoria. Charles also wrote the musical comedy *'The Green Heart'* which recently played at the Manhattan Theatre Club.

▼▼▼ Martin Donovan, currently seen as a Gay father in the film *'Hollow Reed'* has finished his next film *'Heaven'*. Filmed in New Zealand, the picture features Donovan as an architect whose failing career and personal life are changed by a psychic transvestite. Operators are standing BI! **▼▼▼**

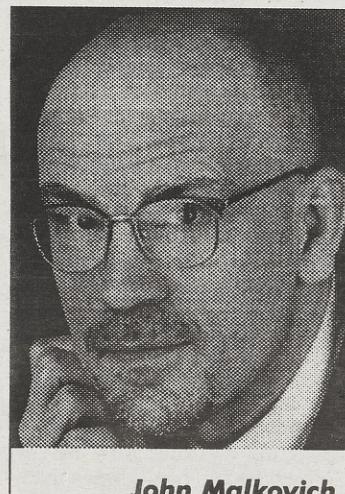
Actor/playwright David Drake (*The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me*) stars with Stephen Spinella (*Love! Valour!*)

Compassion!), Anthony Rapp (Rent) and Craig Chesser (Swoon) in the film *'David Searching'*. The comedy follows a Gay filmmaker looking for romance from... I mean in the Big Apple. **▼▼▼** Screenwriter Philip Kaufman (*The Right Stuff*) still hasn't produced anything to the liking of Producer Scott Rudin for the film version of *'The Alienist'*. **▼▼▼** Richard Gere stars opposite China stage and screen starlet Bai Ling in his next film *'The Red Corner'*. Gere plays an American businessman, on trial for murder in China, who must rely on a court appointed female defense attorney. **▼▼▼**

Rupert Everett (*Another Country*) stars with Julia Roberts and Dermot Mulroney (*Longtime Companion*) in the sure-fire romantic comedy hit *'My Best Friend's Wedding'* opening June 27. On a recent episode of *'The Rosie O'Donnell Show'*, Rupert related the tale of receiving a letter from a woman criticizing his performance on a British stage. Rupert responded with a note and pubic hair clippings asking the letter's author to accept the enclosed sacrifice. Keep those cards and letters cumming. **▼▼▼** Check your nearby Gotchaks department store for the latest neckwear from a company called *'Ali Knock Out'*, sponsored by the champ himself, Muhammad Ali. These brightly colored ties feature enlarged microscopic images of certain diseases. Among the better known patterns, one can find gonoreia, clymidia, AIDS and even



Leonardo DiCaprio



John Malkovich

sypillitis. "Doctor, doctor, I have a burning sensation when I wear this tie!" Not all stores have them. **▼▼▼**

David Leavitt's (*The Lost Language of Cranes*) next book *'Pages Passed from Hand to Hand: The Hidden Tradition of Homosexual Literature from the Eighteenth Century to the Great War'* will be published this fall, that is if they can fit the whole name on the cover. The book features a variety of biographies placed in historical and cultural context and was compiled by Leavitt and boyfriend Mark Mitchell. Leavitt's next planned work is titled *'The Page Turner'* and focuses on a young pianist prodigy who has an affair with a fan while performing in Rome. **▼▼▼**

Leonardo DiCaprio (*Total Eclipse*) joins Jeremy Irons (*M. Butterfly*), Gerard Depardieu and John Malkovich in another

remake of *'The Man In The Iron Mask'*. The period piece based on Alexander Dumas' work is filming in France for director Randall Wallace. DiCaprio has dual roles as the King of France and the mysterious prisoner who is freed from the Bastille by the Three Musketeers. **▼▼▼** *'Birdcage'* director Mike Nichols and writer Elaine May join forces once more for the movie *'Primary Colors'*. The drama stars John Travolta, Emma Thompson and Oscar winner Billy Bob Thornton (*Sling Blade*). **▼▼▼** *'Birdcage'* alumnus Robin Williams begins the romantic film *'What Dreams May Come'* this month. **▼▼▼** Newly married Matthew Broderick (sob, sob) stars in the comedy drama *'Walking To The Waterline'* with Alan Ruck (*ABC's Spin City*) and Hal Holbrook. Not many remember that Holbrook was one of the first actors to bravely portray a gay character on television when he costarred with Martin Sheen in the tele-film *'That Certain Summer'* back in the 70s. **▼▼▼**

June is busting out all over and so are Gay Pride Celebrations the world over. West Hollywood's celebration, called *Christopher Street West* takes place June 21 & 22. New York's Pride Festival is on the 28th and 29th and Paris' own festival *'Europride 97'* begins on June 28. The *'Oslo Gay & Lesbian Film Festival'* opens in Norway this month. This year's edition includes screenings of *'La Cage aux Frozen'*, *'Priscilla, Queen of the Desert'* and *'The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls in an Igloo'*. You're right I made those up, but I didn't bet a press kit yet. Lets just hope they don't copy Cannes and have press conferences on the beach. **▼▼▼**

June 20 is the date for the annual *Day of Compassion*. This is the event which brings TV Talk Shows and Soap Operas together to feature episodes dealing with HIV/AIDS education. The event was begun by Hollywood Supports and has been successful in bringing this life saving information to millions of viewers. **▼▼▼**

Those who dream of hidden treasure will be quite pleased if they pick up a copy of the new CD *'Club Verboten'*. This impressive four disc set is music historian Richard Oliver's compilation of mainstream music from members of the Gay and Lesbian community. Though not all the works authors were Gay or Lesbian, many of the pieces have important and theme appropriate meaning. In addition to offering the talents of Noel Coward, Cole Porter and Janis Ian there are Judy Garland's *'Over The Rainbow'*, Doris Day's *'Secret Love'*, Lou Reed's *'Walk On The Wild Side'* and many more. **▼▼▼**

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"For centuries there have been so many things to relate to heterosexual. Now I think people have good gay role models, more than icons. Icons are important to art. Role models are important to people."

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Rainbow Legal Defense Fund Established

The Sacramento area's newly established Rainbow Legal Defense Fund (RLDF) has been in existence a little more than 6 months and has already helped 2 individuals begin their respective battles against sexual orientation discrimination. The need for this community service became personally and painfully obvious to Bill Amaral and Melonnie Pagano, each had filed separate complaints against the State of California.

As a direct result of these unfortunate experiences, the RLDF concept was born. To further justify the need, sexual orientation is not a "Protected Category" under the "Fair Employment and Housing Act," and therefore, reimbursement of attorney's fees and costs to the prevailing party are not mandated by statute. Most cases

are not accepted on a contingency fee basis, and require a costly retainer to start the legal process. The defense of basic civil rights and the access of a fair and equitable judicial system, is the fundamental purpose of the RLDF. The objective of the RLDF is to bridge the financial hurdles experienced by those individuals seeking a legal remedy for sexual orientation discrimination. To that end, the RLDF will provide grants for the payment of legal services directly to the law firm that is awarded case acceptance. The Board of Directors

of the RLDF will endeavor to assist individuals as funds permit.

The RLDF is currently planning the hottest event of the summer on July 5th titled "Splashfest '97." This event is presented in cooperation with the "LIFE Institute" and the RLDF.

Non-stop, high energy entertainment with "Mumbo Gumbo" and "Roni & the Flight," and surprise celebrity guests with a BBQ and swimming, ping pong, and volleyball. Advance purchase tickets: \$35 or \$60 per couple. Info: 984-9591. ▼

Bulldog Cannabis Buyers' Club

For the last several months underground efforts have been underway to organize two medical marijuana buyers' club in the Sacramento area.

Proposition 215, passed in November, allows doctors to recommend marijuana and allows patients to possess, grow and smoke it. The initiative lists AIDS, cancer and glaucoma as illnesses appropriate for use of medical marijuana. It does not authorize

the selling of marijuana. However, 30 "buyers" clubs have been formed around the state since last November. Locally, the Bulldog Cannabis Buyers' Club and the Capitol City Cannabis Buyers' Club are jointly working with the City Council to draft guidelines that

would allow the clubs to operate with official approval.

The Bulldog has signed up 23 clients and is actively conducting outreach. The club is open to all patients, who are using cannabis to alleviate or terminate the effects of their illnesses. Info: 556-3727. ▼

Volunteers Needed to Help Capital AIDS Walk 1997

Volunteers are needed to help with the Capital AIDS Walk, scheduled for September 21. The walk is the fund-raiser for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation (SAF) and the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services (CARES).

Participants in the Capital AIDS Walk ask family, friends, neighbors, or co-workers for a pledge for their involvement in the

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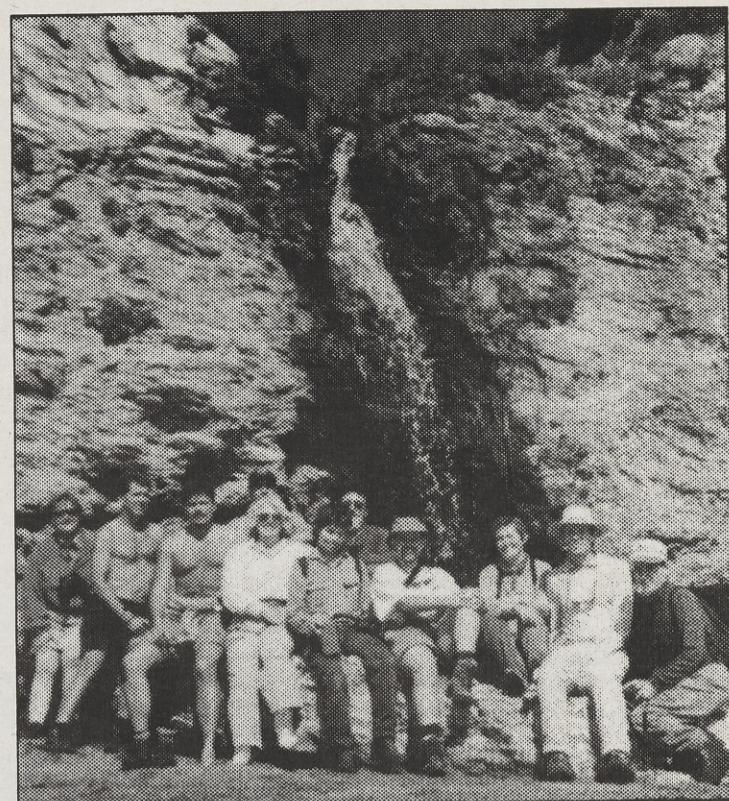
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Sierrans Outing

Twelve of Sacramento's Gay & Lesbian Sierrans (GLS) enjoyed an April overnighter at Pt. Reyes National Seashore. They backpacked into Coast Campground to explore the seacaves and tidepools of Sculpture Beach during an unusually low tide, and view Hale-Bopp comet at night. The weather was warm and calm, the wildflowers and wildlife abundant, and the comet dazzling. Many hikes and outings are coming up, and everyone is invited to participate. ▼

Garden Tour Blossoms in the Sun

More than 200 people braved record heat to enjoy the Second Annual SAGA Bowlers' Garden and Yard Tour, May 18.

"Everybody pitched in to make this work," said Tim Larabee, one of the tour's organizers. "This was really a gardener's garden tour. It's fantastic to see what people can do with their yards. All the homeowners were so generous with their gardens. And they were so creative."

The tour expanded on last year's success, with 11 new gardens to tour from South Natomas to East Sacramento to American River Drive. Additionally, the organizers offered refreshments at Fresco, a gourmet lunch and cool drinks,

The event raised funds to help send Sacramento athletes to the Gay Games in Amsterdam in 1998. SAGA is the Sacramento Arts and Games Association, a collection of athletes, artists and their supporters, dedicated to the global competitive and cooperative spirit of the Gay Games. This will be the fifth Gay Games, and the first held outside North America. Amsterdam is Europe's gay capital, and considered by many to be a more important mecca than even San Francisco.

Local businesses that were helped included The Open Book, The Gifted Gardener, Blooming Art, Lotus Valley Nursery, Lioness Books, Talini's Nursery and Grady's Copy Shop. Info: 737-7550. ▼

Gay Sierra Club Brings in National Geographic Producer

National Geographic's Gail Willumsen will be in Sacramento to give the community a behind-the-camera peek at the production of nature documentaries. Gail, a writer and producer for National Geographic, has a tremendously varied scope of experience in the field of documentaries. She has written or co-produced specials on subjects as diverse as the bears of Kodiak Island to a show on volcanoes. Two years ago, Gail created the special anniversary show for National Geographic that resulted in an Emmy nomination.

The event is a fund-raiser for the local Gay and Lesbian Sierra (GLS) and will be held at Sierra II, 7pm, June 20. Info: 668-0691. ▼

FEATURES

Hot Fun in the Summertime

by Deborah Lattimore
MGW/Staff

Imagine this. It's 9 a.m. Sunday. You're in Davis' Central Park, volunteering for LesBiGay Day. Morning sun, summer. Decorating tents with rainbow-colored streamers and balloons and stars and flags. We're talking lots of red, yellow, green, blue, and purple. Detangling last year's tangle of Freedom Ring necklaces. And singing along with the beautiful sounds of the congregation at Davis Community Church across the street. At 10, the church-goers fill the parking lot as you and your partner raise a Yolo County Gay Pride Day banner. Hey, this is DAVIS, the City of All Things Right and Relevant.

Davis' Central Park was the place to be on Sunday, June 1, for the Second Annual Yolo County LesBiGay Day. Those colorful Gay Pride flags, balloons, streamers, and banners welcomed approximately 800 happy campers for a day of free popcorn, \$1 snowcones, hot sun and shady trees, music for every taste, carousel rides, and a chance to mingle with very enthusiastic face painting and balloon tossin'. LesBiGays, families, and friends, not to mention our many dogs...and one very big wabbit.

Setting a supportive and positive tone for the day, Davis Mayor Lois Wolk and Yolo County Board of Supervisors Dave Rosenberg read resolutions applauded by Davis City Councilmembers Susie Boyd and Jerry Kaneko, Bill Ritter, field representative for Rep. Vic Fazio, and others from the political arena.



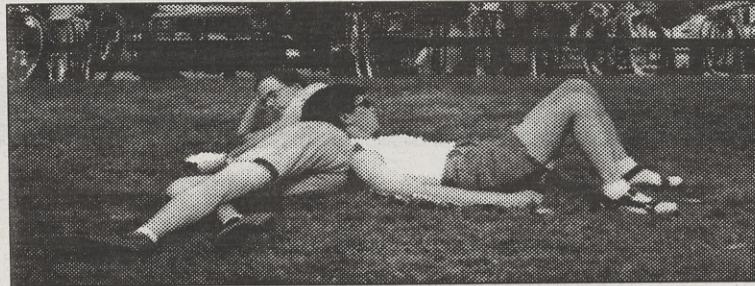
The afternoon immediately burst into song with the music of Joie de Vivre. Their a capella rendition of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" was one of many "Do You Have a CD?" songs of the afternoon. Duval Speck hushed the crowd with their well-known and much-loved "Green Eye, Blue Eye," then got things rolling with "Kiss Me in Public." Judy Fjell

We ate, we sang, we danced... as John Batchelor had us barefoot in the grass, learning the moves to line and ballroom dancing. A gay time was had by all in a spirited and wet balloon tossing, and the raffle drawing ended the day. More than \$2,000 in prizes were donated for the event, including gift certificates for massages, meals at local restaurants, and paid vacations at various resorts.

[Grand finale drum roll...] The Cutest Puppy Award goes to Belle, proud owner of Cathy Speck and Linda Duval.

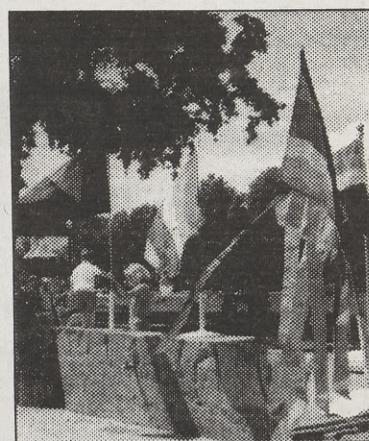
Hats off to Shelly Bailes and Ellen Pontac, who not only

originally chosen. And cheers to Davis Enterprise columnist Bob Dunning, spotted enjoying snowcones, whose "Why Do We Need These Resolutions After All?" column said it all. "If this is



organized the event, but persuaded the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to declare June 1st Gay Rights Awareness Day, as opposed to Diversity Awareness Day, which the Board had

something that you support, it's important to be there." See you on LesBiGay Day in Davis, June 1998! ▼



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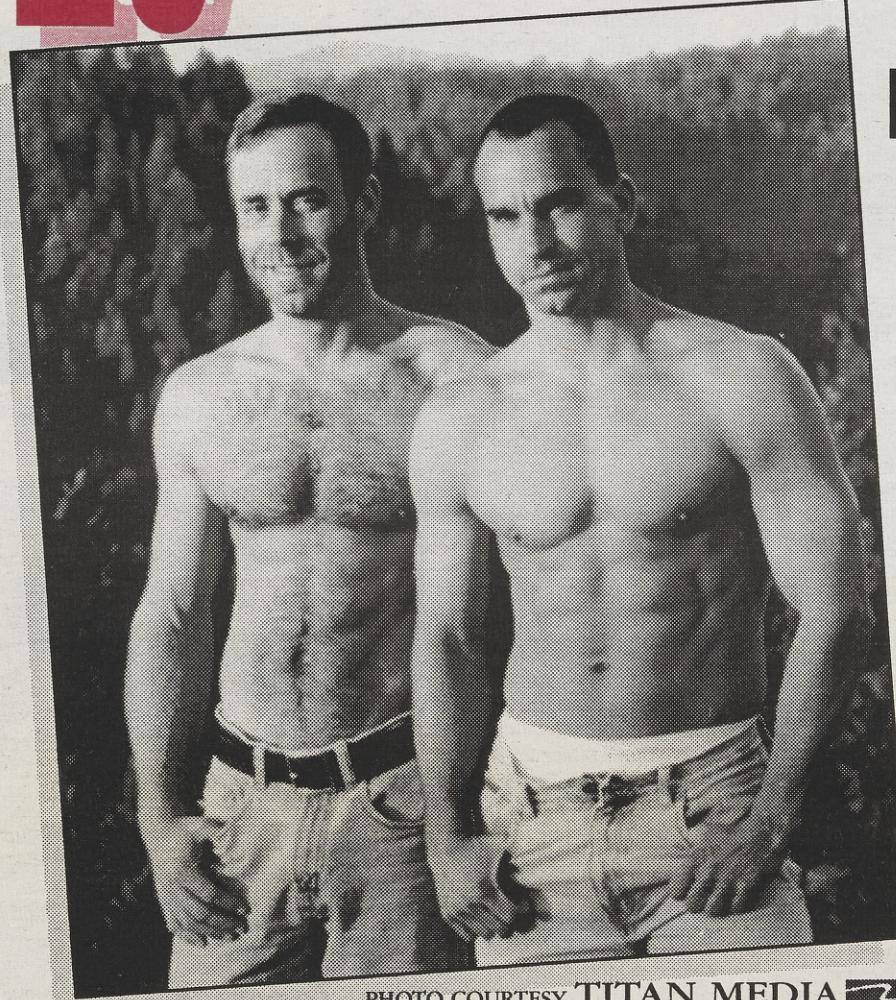


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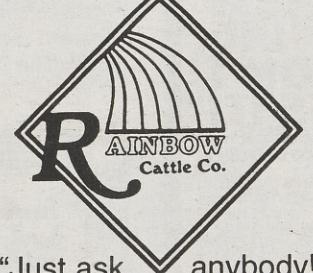
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Pride Month Hits the Big Screen

by Stefan Grunwedel
MGW/Staff

Pride Month wouldn't be complete without the incredible diversity of films being screened at this year's San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, running from June 20-29th.

Featuring 263 works by some of the most daring, innovating, talented, and new artists in the Bay Area, California, the U.S., and the world (with 24 countries represented).

Luckily, not all of these works are feature-length, or else you'd never get any sleep at all. Overall there are 62 features and 201 shorts, 45 of them by local filmmakers.

These films will screen in San Francisco at either the Castro Theatre (in the heart of the Castro), Victoria Theatre (16th Street at Mission), or Roxie Cinema (16th Street at Valencia). All three venues are within easy walking distance from one another.

Opening the festival is the world premiere of Brian Sloan's feature, "I Think I Do," starring Alexis Arquette (of "Pulp Fiction" fame), Lauren Velez (from Fox-TV's "New York Undercover"), and Guillermo Diaz (also in the current "Nowhere" and last year's "Stonewall"). It's a screwball comedy that follows six college friends as they reunite for a weekend wedding.

Closing the festival (which coincides with Gay and Lesbian

everyone. Two films — one dramatic, the other a documentary — look at women in music. "Slaves to the Underground" is Kristine Peterson's look at bisexuality in Seattle's alternative music scene. "Anything Boys Can Do" is Ethan H. Minsker's documentary about women in the underground music scene on New York's Lower East Side.

Other films concern the gay and lesbian experience in Asian cultures. By "Asia" they mean India, Singapore, the Philippines, and Taiwan. "Fire," a feature by Deepa Mehta set in contemporary New Delhi, promises to be as socially influential in India as "Thelma and Louise" was here.

A special highlight this year is "Desi Dykes and Divas: Alternative Sexualities in Popular Indian Cinema," which shows how the Indian film industry, the largest in the world, is a rich repository of queer images, desires, and pleasures.

"Not Simply a Wedding Banquet" is Mickey Chen and Ming-Hsiu Chen's documentary

be love story of two friends in Sao Paolo who plan a hold-up that turns from bad to worse.

Carmelita Tropicana's "Latin Boys Go to Hell" is an entertaining take on the ways pop culture influences the lives of a group of Latino/as living in Manhattan's queer club culture.

Also screening are several films exploring transgender issues: "You Don't Know Dick: Courageous Hearts of Transsexual Men" by Candace Schermerhorn and Bester Cram, and a sexy drama from Singapore's Yonfan, called "Bugis Street."

Channel Four Television, the London-based broadcaster and film production company, is receiving the 1997 Frameline Award at this year's festival. Several features produced by them are premiering at the festival, including Nancy Meckler's "Alive and Kicking," Chris Oxley's "The Investigator," and Andrea Weiss's "A Bit of Scarlet."

As this festival also coincides with the reuniting of Hong Kong with mainland China, six films will be shown that survey homosexuality and gender in recent Hong Kong cinema. The series features martial arts films and modern-day comedies that playfully skewer traditional notions of gender and sexuality.

In "The East Is Red," a complex character named Asia the Invincible is transformed into a

Hirschfeld, Frameline and the Goethe Institut are presenting a series of films during the festival that give an overview of the representation of homosexuality in German film.

The series commemorates the centennial of Magnus Hirschfeld's ground-breaking formation of the world's first gay rights organization, the Institute for Sexual Science, in prewar Berlin. They distributed the first known survey on gay behavior and fought against Germany's legislation called Paragraph 175, which banned homosexual acts between men.

Hirschfeld's group produced what is likely the world's first gay film in 1910, "Different from the Others" ("Anders als die Anderen"), which will be shown during the festival. This silent film

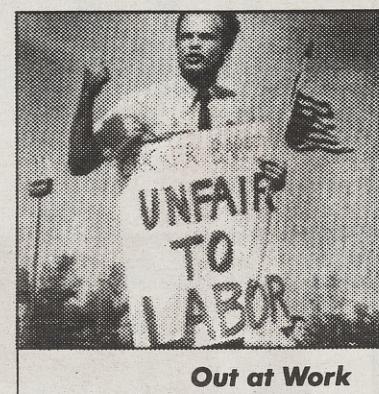


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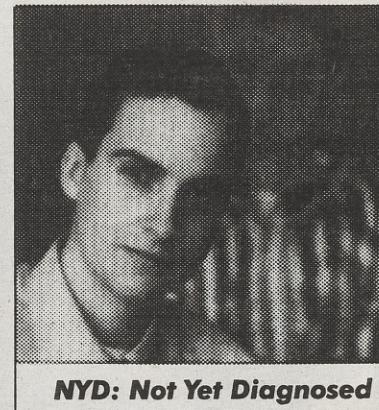
was directed by Richard Oswald and stars Conrad Veidt ("The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari"). It tells the story of a famous violinist who is blackmailed by a young man he once took home from a party. The matter goes to court and both are sent to jail for their respective crimes. The film concludes with a plea for an end to such tragedies and injustices. Unfortunately, only a fragmented copy of the film survived the 1930s when the Nazis destroyed all prints of the film.

Also showing as part of that celebration is the classic "Maedchen in Uniform," considered the first lesbian film, which deals with the love of a student named Manuela for her sympathetic teacher, Fraulein von Bembourg, in a Potsdam boarding school.▼

Other Movies Being Featured:



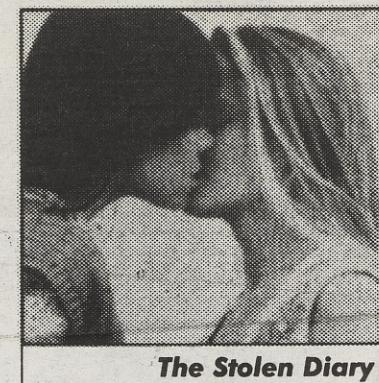
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Freedom Day in San Francisco) is "Different for Girls," starring Rupert Graves (of "Maurice" and "Madness of King George" fame), Steven Mackintosh (also in "Memphis Belle"), and Saskia Reeves (also in "Butterfly Kiss").

There are films for practically

about the first gay couple in Taiwan (along with their very entertaining queer friends) to have a very publicly out wedding.

South America's contributions to queer cinema are also present. Ivo Branco's "Batimam and Robin" is a would-

woman with supernatural powers and is attracted to both men and women. In "He's a Woman, She's a Man," gender confusion is treated as slapstick.

Also part of the festival are films and videos about and for queer youth. "Nobody I Know" is Andrew Porter's portrait of a young boy who slowly learns that the rules of childhood no longer apply to his life. In "Charlene's Angels," Barbie and her friends are transformed into a 1980s TV sitcom. "Queercore (a punkumentary)" is about the thriving homo-punk scene, "full of queer renegades and iconoclasts, fast music, and cool hair."

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- BOOK SIGNING - Mary Wings, "She Came To The Castro"
- CELTIC HARP MUSIC & STORYTELLING - by David Sullivan (aka Katie O'Brien)
- SECOND SATURDAY ART - "Art of Tony Ferrante"
- MUSIC - Men Out Loud, this vocal group will also be appearing at the Lambda Freedom Fair.
- BOOK SIGNING - Mar Adams, "Preacher's Son"
- BOOK SIGNING - Simon LeVay, "Albrick's Gold"
- BOOK SIGNING - Brian McNaught, "Now That I'm Out What Do I Do?"
- MUSIC - Gina Livingston. Gina is releasing her first CD in June.
- BOOK SIGNING - Agnes Bushell, "The Enumerator"
- ART EXHIBIT - "Art of Tony Ferrante"
- POETRY - Every Tuesday - 8pm

ENTERTAINMENT

Over 100,000 Attend 1997 Jazz Jubilee

Doesn't That Mean Over 10,000 Family Members?

by James Fitzpatrick
MGW/Staff

It rained on our parade. The parade that inaugurated the 24th Annual Sacramento Jazz Jubilee, that is. It figures. I had just washed the car the day before. I know, it looks like I'm already struggling to work every cliche in the book into the first paragraph of this review. But every word of it is true.

Of course, the question of who the "our" in "our parade" is, is a big question.

More about that later.

This year's Jazz Jubilee did in fact get off to a somewhat soggy start on the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend. But that failed to dampen spirits (both the liquor variety and the other kind) of jazz revelers from all over the globe. And along the way, this reviewer learned a few things. Some slightly surprising (wearing a press pass gets you free beer). Some not so surprising (it's hard to applaud while downing a draft). And some semi-startling (there were plenty of show tunes, but hardly a homo in sight).

More about that later.

Suffice it to say, the Jazz Fest was a resounding success - a near love-in - for the in-the-know jazz fans from Sacramento and around the world. This was, in fact, the best-attended Jazz Jubilee in its history, with well over 100,000 devotees (dropping more than \$30 million in local coffers). The event is even promoted by the organizers as the largest traditional jazz festival in the world. There were more than 40 venues in several major locations



(Old Sacramento, Hyatt/Convention Center, the Radisson, Sacramento Inn and Cal Expo - spread around enough so that no one place ended up uncomfortably crowded, which was another big surprise). Performers came from the furthest reaches of the globe - Austria, Quebec, Ireland... I myself became an instant groupie of Hotter Than Six, a hotter-than-you-can-believe band from Melbourne, Australia.

Spanning three generations of musicians, this high-energy group has gained an international reputation for its distinctive mix of traditional jazz, swing and Dixieland. There, I've said it. Dixieland.

More about that later. Fronted by two (very attractive) guys from the younger generation, Hotter Than Six

accurate comparisons; Burns has her own very distinctive style - smooth and sensual interpretative dancing, and an equally sensual and marvelous voice), Burns had the Crest Theatre packed to capacity. Then there was Sunday's Big Band Bash in the Hyatt's Ballroom. If your exposure to big bands is limited to black & white films on AMC or TCM, you owe it to yourself to catch this next year. Blasting the ballroom with the sounds of Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman and the like, bands such as San Francisco's Royal Society Jazz Orchestra had many of the 2000-plus capacity crowd swing dancing on either side of the stage, and eager fans queued up in a line that extended out the Hyatt and well down K Street Mall.

Big band music. Jazz vocals. Swing. Blues. Zydeco. And the aforementioned - and much maligned - Dixieland. Virtually every kind of music even remotely reminiscent of jazz was represented, meaning, in short, something for everyone (okay, maybe not those exclusive Metallica music listeners; we'll make that Just About Everyone.) Gone are the days (five years now) when the festival was primarily a Dixieland Jubilee. And as much as I like Dixieland (I'm one of those who enjoys virtually every kind of music; my tastes know no bounds), I admit Dixieland is often best enjoyed in limited dosages. But even that rule has exceptions; I could listen to Hotter Than Six for days on end. Of course, their brand of Dixieland leans pretty heavily on swing, a jazz genre I'm particularly partial to. Surprising to me though, my partner (Pete) confessed that after seeing Hotter Than Six, he liked Dixieland more than the jazz vocals he had been hearing (and usually hears in our house).

And there were many other highlights of the Jazz Jubilee - in particular, Sacramento's own Shelley Burns and Avalon Swing. A sultry blend of Peggy Lee and Lena Horne (for lack of more

were the gays? (A stereotypical comment I realize, but frankly I know a lot of gay guys who like show tunes.)

If I haven't offended you, and you're still reading this, you're reading a (PC speak here) Publication for Gays, Lesbians, Transgender People and Their Friends and Family. So how much of this readership attended the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee? Why not? Just curious. Maybe I was in the wrong places at the wrong times, and you were there, and I simply missed you.

But you weren't the only ones I missed.

This was the music of Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, Cab Calloway, New Orleans. Where were the people of color? (Apparently, many attended the gospel shows, but I didn't, so I can't really comment on that.) Swing music and jazz vocals have become an integral part of the Generation X/Cocktail Nation-led revival of lounge music (as evidenced by the recent movie "Swingers", Capitol Records' Ultra Lounge CD series and other vintage and contemporary lounge music releases, and the cover of the April Esquire). Where were all the 20 somethings?

Is it simply that the word hasn't gotten out? That people still view the jubilee as a Dixieland showcase? Or is there something more insidious at work here? Like maybe gays aren't really the patrons of the arts they like to say they are? (Oops, that stereotype again.) That the Cocktail Nation is more media hype than cultural movement. (Well, I think it's real in oh, places like San Francisco, L.A., Chicago, New York; not places like Topeka and Sacramento).

Which leads me to Sacramento. (See the previous parenthetical.) Sacramento, it has been said, wants to be a city. But it can't escape the Cow Town image. I can't tell you how many people, myself included, have wished for more to do in this lazy river town. Yet, when there is something to do, people don't. Why attend the jazz festival? It's not real music. Just Dixieland. Who wants that? Apparently, a lot of people do. And they want traditional jazz. Zydeco. Blues. Gospel. You know, American music. And they get it. Tons of it, right here in River City, every year, same time.

I just don't know any of those people. Well, very few anyway. I wish I knew more. Time to join the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society, I suppose. Anyone with me? ▼

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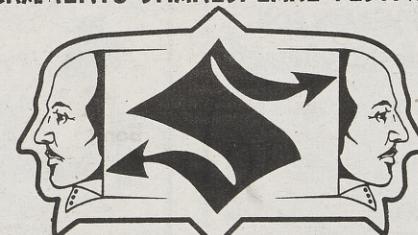
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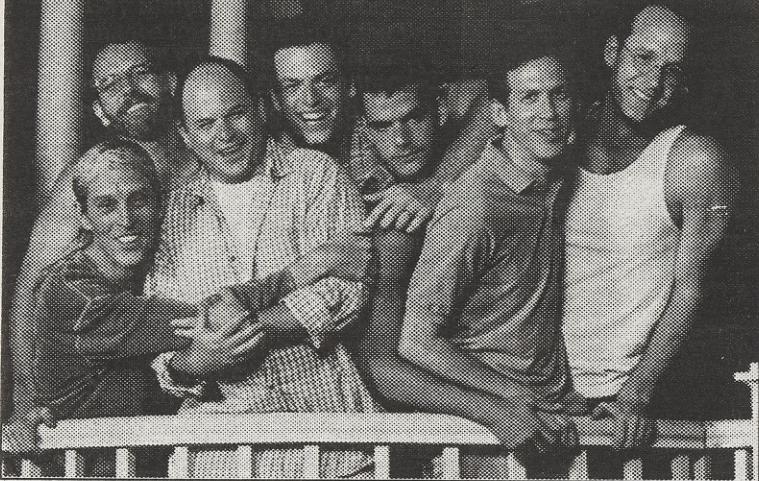
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In The Life's Pride Special: Lights! Camera! Activism!

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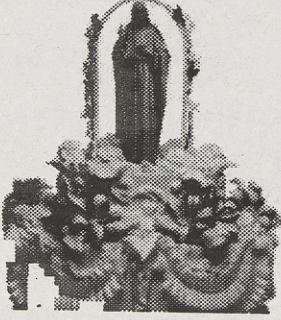
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anniversary this June. The June 1997 gay pride edition of *In the Life* examines the world of gay and lesbian film and video.

Correspondents Darius de Haas, Tanya Barfield, and Alan Tulin join host Katherine Linton for the following stories on *In the Life's* gay pride special:

Independents' Day. Clips from two award-winning documentaries, *Paul Monette: The Brink of Summer's End* by Lesli Klainberg and Monte Brumer, and *Licensed to Kill* by Arthur Dong.

In the News. A look at some of the National Endowment for the Arts projects currently under at-

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tack: Cheryl Dunye's *The Watermelon Woman*, Su Friedrich's *Hide and Seek*, Tina Difeliciantonio's *Two or Three Things But Nothing for Sure*, and the distributor of these films, Woman Makes Movies, which recently lost its NEA funding.

A Day in the Life. This regular segment is devoted to Donna Isman, an openly lesbian manager at E! Entertainment Network in Los Angeles. Isman is currently fighting Stage Four ovarian cancer and statistically has only a 5 percent chance to survive.

In the Movies. *Love! Valour! Compassion!*, based on Terrence McNally's Tony Award-winning play, is now a movie. *In the Life* talks to the cast, which includes Jason Alexander from NBC's *Seinfeld*, John Glover, Randy Becker, and two-time Tony Award winner Stephen Spinella.

Video as Educational Tool. Clips of three videos which attempt to educate diverse audiences through quality production, targeted distribution, and the presenting of rarely discussed information. Videos include *Risk: Lesbians and AIDS* by Janet Baus; *Only Human: HIV Negative Gay Men in the AIDS Epidemic* by Ioannis Mookas; and *The Rhetoric of Intolerance: An Open-Letter Video to Pat Robertson from Dr. Mel White*.

Second Annual *In the Life* Film and Video Winner! And the winner is Junky Punky Girlz. Director Nisha Ganatra spins an extremely amusing tale of three friends, a couple of nose rings, a concerned mother, a birthday and a filet-o-fish sandwich.

Coming in August: The next episode will be a retrospective of the first five years of the series on National Public Television.

A complete list of national air dates can be found on the web at <http://inthelife.org>

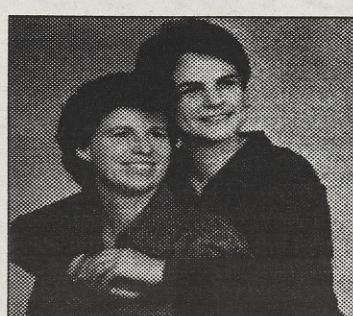
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Beach Getaways With Bowser

If "sun, surf and sand" is your description of the perfect vacation, but you can't find a beach where Bowser is allowed, *DogGone* newsletter can help. In its May/June issue, *DogGone* sniffs out four beach getaways that are doggy doable. Their criteria for selecting these beaches: dogs are allowed year-round. "Many beach communities ban Bowser from their sands during summer months," laments Wendy Ballard, publisher of *DogGone*.

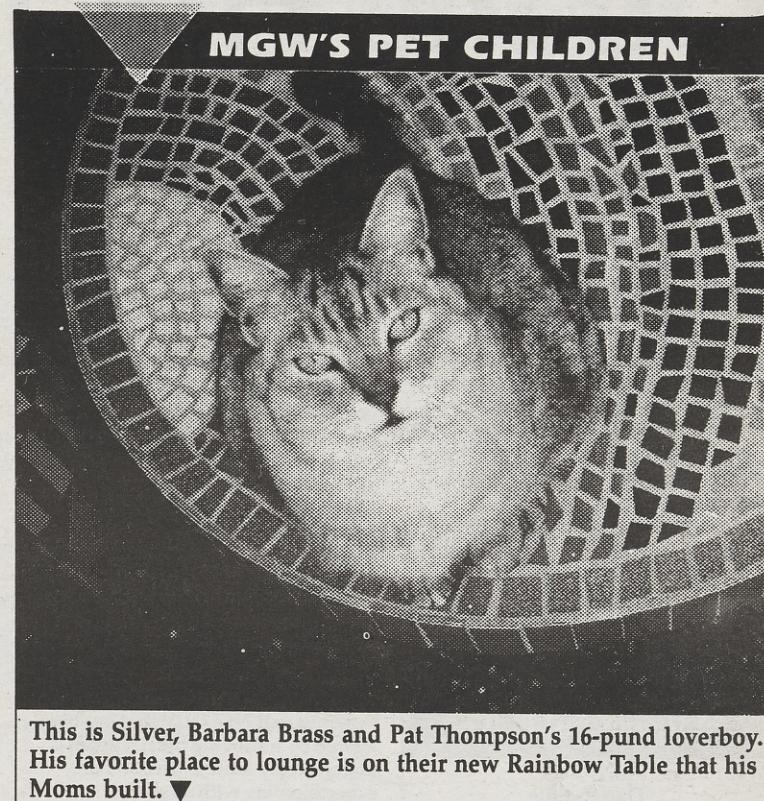
DogGone's May/June issue spotlights beach destinations on both U.S. coasts. On the east coast, Jekyll Island, Georgia, and Nags Head, North Carolina, are canine tolerant. The Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area near Florence and the Point Reyes National Seashore an hour

north of San Francisco also permit leashed pooches.

"Just because your dog is allowed on a beach, though, doesn't mean that high noon on an August day is the ideal time to visit," warns Ballard. "Keep your pet's comfort in mind." Dry sand can get extremely hot and can blister paws. Bring an umbrella to shade your pet, particularly if your dog's coat is a dark color. Don't forget the Frisbee and a supply of fresh water for post-fetch refreshment.

DogGone's May/June issue

also features Kansas City, home of Three Dog Bakery, where pets can pick out their own treats; Georgia's beautiful Callaway Gardens; Wisconsin's Kettle Moraine area, filled with pet-friendly hiking trails; and California's Gold Country, where you can even visit an old mine with dog in tow. Also spotlighted is a wagon train (authentic or 20th century station wagon) tour of Wyoming's plains as well as an article on Washington's San Juan Islands. Subscriptions to *DogGone's*



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On the HIV front...

by Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

Vaccine progress will test ethics issues...

Despite several high hurdles to clear in establishing a vaccine for AIDS — including HIV's ability to mutate and its six different strains — scientists have managed to create experimental vaccines that offer some promise for the future. Some are in the lab-dish stage, others have evolved to the animal experimental stage.

What might prove to be of critical importance is one particular experiment conducted with four monkeys over the past 8 years. In 1989, they received an experimental vaccine of a weak form of SIV (simian immuno-

deficiency virus, the monkey version of HIV) in which one of the virus' nine genes, called nef, had been "clipped out." Nef is the gene that allows virus to make copies of itself. Two years later, after the "vaccine" had had time to take effect, two of the monkeys received a direct injection of SIV that was 1,000 times more potent than it would ordinarily take to cause an infection. The other two received a weaker injection at that same time. To date (six years later), none of the four has developed HIV disease. Scientists say the experiment, by Harvard researcher Ron Desrosiers, is a landmark in vaccine research. All, including Desrosiers, agree they have no idea what could happen 10, 20, or 30 years from now — whether the virus could regain its lost gene, whether it could trigger a new disease, if it could infect newborns, etc.

Intentionally infecting people with live, mutated HIV (HIV that has been altered by removing the nef gene) is undoubtedly quite different than experimenting with monkeys. However, the concept of being "immunized" by a small amount of virus appears to have occurred in humans already. Five out of 183 hemophiliacs who received contaminated blood products in the early 1980s still show no sign of the disease. Additionally, in Australia, 7 people received blood from a man with HIV in the early 1980s, but all, including the original donor, are still perfectly healthy. They appear to be carrying a strain of HIV that is missing the nef gene.

The parameters of ethics in research are extending to areas not yet regulated. The Centers for Disease Control is receiving negative as well as positive feedback on its recently announced plan to test whether greatly modified amounts of AZT given to pregnant women in poor countries will protect their unborn children.

Nearly all researchers around the world agree that the need for a vaccine is more desperate than ever. Worldwide, 29 million people have been infected with HIV. Over 80 percent of them live in Africa, India, and Southwest Asia where many citizens receive less than \$5 per year in health care.

In this country, thousands of people with AIDS are reaping the benefits of the progress made through the courage of people with HIV who have participated in trials in which toxic medications in various quantities were mixed with experimental medications with unknown side effects. Many died because of the toxicity to their organs, but many are with us today. It is on the backs of these giants that we have made such great strides in the past year. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to them.

Charities suffer as treatments improve...

The advent of new drugs to treat AIDS has many charitable donors reducing the amount of their gifts to AIDS groups in the mistaken belief that the war against the disease has been won. Charity groups say the decline in giving comes at a time when the organizations need more funding than ever for education and services, and to help people buy expensive medications. "All these drug cocktails are great and wonderful," says Anthony Turney, executive director of the NAMES Project Foundation, but "the fact of the matter is that protease inhibitors don't do a damn thing to prevent one infection."

Hot NAMES benefits...

The Wreck Room will host a *Summer Solstice and Skivvies* benefit for the Sacramento Chapter of the NAMES Project on Sat, June 21, 10 pm. The Bolt will host a benefit on Friday, July 25. Mark your calendars, too, for a Music Circus benefit ("Will Rogers Follies") on Sat, July 12, and the NAMES halloween party, Fri, Oct 31, at the Hyatt Regency.

The Sacramento NAMES Project folks extend their heartfelt thanks to their generous hosts, and to those who attend and support the events. Proceeds from all summer donations and benefits on their behalf will go toward bringing hundreds of panels to the community for World AIDS Day displays in December. For more info, call the NAMES voicemail at 484-4166.

Thrush treatment approved...

Itraconazole oral solution (Sporanox) has been approved by the Food & Drug Administration. Thrush forms white or red patches in the mouth and throat that can make eating and swallowing difficult. The pill version has been available, but the new liquid is better absorbed and more effective. In its trials, it even worked in half the study participants whose treatment with fluconazole (Diflucan) had failed.

Nasal spray vaccine tested...

Researchers report that chimpanzees have been vaccinated

with an experimental AIDS vaccine administered in a series of nasal sprays, followed by a booster shot in the arm several weeks later. The animals successfully fought off HIV for up to a year after they were inoculated. The scientists note that other vaccines have performed well in animal testing only to fail in later human clinical trials, but say they are encouraged by the strength of the immune response triggered by this vaccine.

Medicaid may extend to early treatment...

The White House has announced that it will soon propose an expansion of Medicaid to help low-income HIV-infected individuals who do not yet have symptoms of AIDS. Although the protease inhibitors can cost up to \$16,000 a year, federal officials note that providing the drugs could save the government money in the long run by reducing the need for hospitalization and stemming the spread of HIV.

Approximately one-half of all Americans with AIDS receive Medicaid benefits, but many low-income people with HIV have been denied coverage because they are not sick enough to be considered disabled. About 2 percent of the \$173 billion spent on Medicaid this year will be spent on the treatment of AIDS.

Drug coverage bill passes...

A bill approved by the California Assembly would allow people with HIV and AIDS who want to return to work to do so without losing Medi-Cal drug benefits. According to Assemblywoman Carole Migden (D-San Francisco), the legislation would save money in the long run because recipients would work and generate tax revenue. The bill will now go to the state Senate for approval.

Teaching abstinence...

In Missouri, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch is reporting that the rate of sexually transmitted diseases among area teens is 38 times higher than the national average. The abnormally high rate is attributed to a lack of HIV education.

Ecstasy and Methadone advisory...

Abbott Labs, maker of protease inhibitor Ritonavir (Norvir), says mixing the illegal drug MDMA (ecstasy) with the protease inhibitor can increase the level of ecstasy in the blood by two to three times.

People taking Ritonavir and Methadone could also experience exaggerated levels of methadone in their bloodstream. It's suggested that people on both methadone and ritonavir take about 50 percent of the dosage of Methadone ordinarily taken.

Thus far, no studies on this have been done to confirm this situation. The advise is offered by Abbott (and only about their own product, Ritonavir) after the recent death of a man who combined ecstasy and Ritonavir.

Bristol-Myers buys rights to potential drug...

Bristol-Myers has bought the marketing and development rights for two experimental HIV protease inhibitors from Novartis for an undisclosed sum. The drug maker plans to conduct additional clinical tests of one of the compounds while continuing pre-clinical research on the other.

Guidelines will clarify drug muddle...

In response to the fact that many physicians are not experts on the new AIDS drugs, the Department of Health and Human Services is putting together the first federal guidelines on how to use protease inhibitors for the treatment of HIV and AIDS. The recommendations are expected to clarify such questions as when to start a person on the drugs, how to combine them with other medications, how to monitor them, and what to do if the drugs fail.

Russia records 1,300 cases in 4 months...

Russia's deputy health minister has announced that 1,300 AIDS cases were reported in the country between January 1 and April 30 of this year. This figure is equal to the total number of cases said to be reported in Russia in all of 1996. ▼

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Sacramento Represented in Bike Ride

Tanqueray AIDS Ride 1997 saw more than 2,000 hearty spirits bike for seven days, covering over 560 miles along the California coast to raise money for AIDS services in California. Sacramentans contributed many dollars to the benefit ride — not only to city resident Tim Larrabee, but also to Michael Starr-Fuhr, who lived here for many years with his partner, Paul Starr-Fuhr. The riders started in San Francisco, logging 88 miles the first day, 104 on day 2, and 77 miles, 95, 46, 89, and 67 miles on succeeding days. Mike sent "report" cards along the way keeping us "posted" (see day 2 report above). Thanks to all the riders, especially those who represented Sacramento, and thanks to Tanqueray and local contributors. ▼

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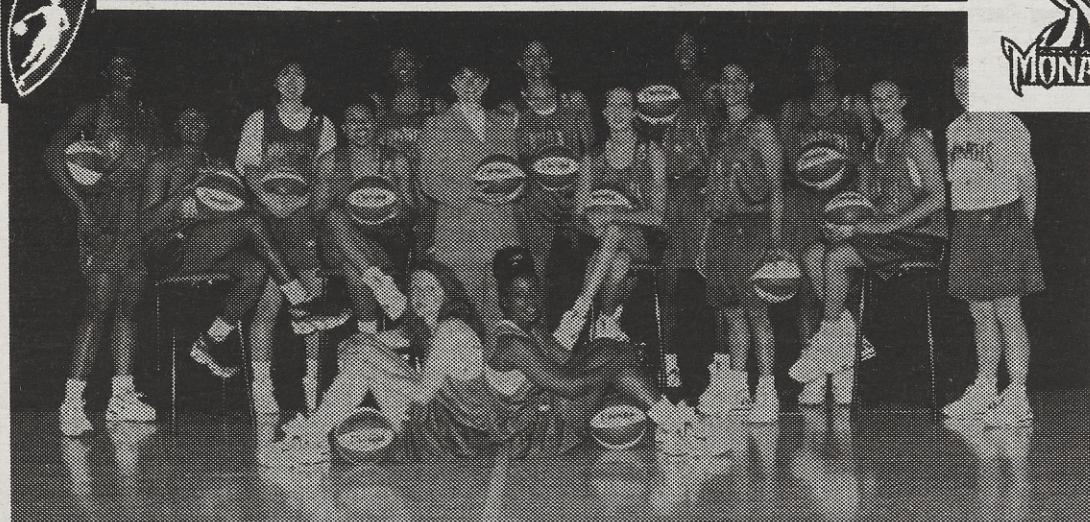
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When someone you
love becomes a
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To add the names of loved ones to
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NEWS



The New Team... They're Here

The Sacramento Minarchs play they're first game at Arco Arena against the Newyork Liberty on Monday, June 23, at 7pm. Tickets: 928-3650.

Join Oprah, Rosie, Daytime TV for Fifth Annual AIDS Day of Compassion June 20

The Fifth Annual Day of Compassion, Friday June 20, will include television programming as well as on the Internet. Day of Compassion is an international media event designed to model compassion and support for people affected by HIV and AIDS. Last year, the event helped to generate over 80,000 calls to the National AIDS Hotline.

Oprah! and *The Rosie O'Donnell Show* will join a host of other daytime talk shows that are either producing new episodes, updating previous shows or rerunning prior AIDS-themed episodes, along with *Jessy Raphael*, *The Jenny Jones Show*, *Leeza*, *Montel Williams*, *Geraldo* and *Maury Povich*.

Daytime dramas participating this year include *Days of Our Lives*, *General Hospital*, *One Life to Live*, *Port Charles*, *The Bold and the Beautiful*, *The Guiding Light*, and *The Young and the Restless*.

Cable television will include AMC Channel, America's Health

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TRAVEL

Good-Bye To Berlin?

By M. Burlingame-Couk
MGW/Staff

In May of 1897, Berlin became the home of the very first homosexual organization, the Wissenschaftlich-humanitare Komitee (Scientific Humanitarian Committee). Now, the gay community of Berlin is gearing up to celebrate 100 years of Gay Liberation with an exhibition entitled "Good-bye To Berlin?"

The exhibition derives its name from Christopher Isherwood's 1939 novel Goodbye To Berlin which later became the basis of the musical Cabaret. It is scheduled to run at the Akademie der Kunste (Academy of Art) in Berlin thru August 17, 1997 and will contain over 1400 pieces of art from all over the world. It will trace the



gay movement from 1897, thru the rise and fall of Hitler, thru the Stonewall riots, thru the beginning of AIDS and explore the movement as it exists presently.

The last part of the exhibition will consist of art and letters from gays around the world answering the question "how do you imagine the lives of gays and the state of the gay liberation movement to be in the year 2017?" The creators of the exhibition welcome your response at: Schwules Museum, Mehringdamm 61, D10961 Berlin, Germany or fax +49-30-6934037.

If thinking about attending "Goodbye To Berlin?", you may write for information about gay life and accommodations in Berlin at Mann-O-Meter/Gay Switchboard, Motzstr. 5, 10777 Berlin, Germany. ▼



Above: The journal *Die Freundschaft* (Friendship) appears weekly in Germany, as well as a number of other gay and lesbian publications.
Right: In 1952, several conferences of the International Committee for Sexual Equality take place in Amsterdam, Paris, Brussels and Frankfurt. ▼



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753-6093

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5pm, 2000 K St.

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19 THURSDAY

BEING GAY TODAY

Channel 73, 10pm

OPEN BOOK PRESENTS

Simon LeVay, 7pm, 498-1004

20 FRIDAY

BEING GAY TODAY

Channel 73, 4pm

PFLAG MEETING
Dr. Will Green, 7:30pm, St. Mark's Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way, 771-3800

16 MONDAY

KARAOKE NIGHT

9pm - 1am, The Mirage, 15 & F St., 444-3238

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS

Speaker Gail Willumsen, 7pm, Sierra 2 Center, 733-2102

GSAC

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6:30pm, 424-4411

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GSAC

Java City Galleria, 723-8644

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Great Lawns, 4145 Branch Center Rd., 875-6913

NIGHT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

6:30pm, Roosevelt Park

PFLAG MEETING

7:30pm, St. Mark's Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way, 771-3800

SOLONO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE

7:30pm, Fairfield, 707/449-0847

18 WEDNESDAY

SHAWN COLVIN

7:30pm, Radisson Grove, 923-BASS

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2000 K St.

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23 MONDAY

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24 TUESDAY

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6pm, Grant Field

ON THE GAY WATERFRONT

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26 THURSDAY

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7pm, 111 Minna St.

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27 FRIDAY

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28 SATURDAY

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For Sale

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Bed

We are looking for a king size bed less than two years old. Box mattress not needed. Buy or trade for new queen size mattress. Linda 441-6397

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GWM 39, 5'10", dark hair, Lake Tahoe blue eyes, gym toned HIV+, but healthy. Into road trips, outdoors, movies, camping. I'm very easy going and not into bar scene. UB 35-45, HIV+, healthy. NA ND Smokers OK. 8/1 #1799

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NEW TO AREA

GWM couple, from Seattle, seeks friendship with other GM couples. We like; movies, music, dinners (out/in), short road trips, coffee, conversation and shopping. Not into bar scene, drugs or smoking. Please call. 7/15 #1785

WANTED: GAY MALE

Mature, outgoing, fun loving top. In good shape and healthy. Me: 31yo, GWM, 5'11", 150 lbs, good looking, brown hair and eyes. HIV-. 7/15 #1791

WHAT UP!

GWM, 22, 155, 5'11", brn/brn, HIV+. Love biking, having fun, some partying. Seeking GWM under 28 to have good times with. Call! 7/15 #1788

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FRIENDS FIRST

GWM, 5'2", brown Hair, Hazel-blue eyes, 140 lbs. Looking for friends first, then relationship later. Tired of being alone. Please call the number and I will call you back as soon as I can. 7/15 #1794

SPECIAL PERSON

GWM looking for a special person to be around and spend time with, friends first, then possible relationship. Brown hair, blue eyes, with moustache and small beard. Please call and let's meet, soon. 7/15 #1795

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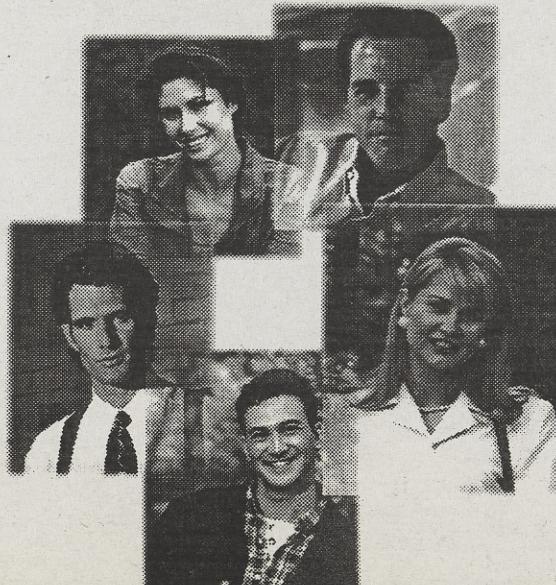
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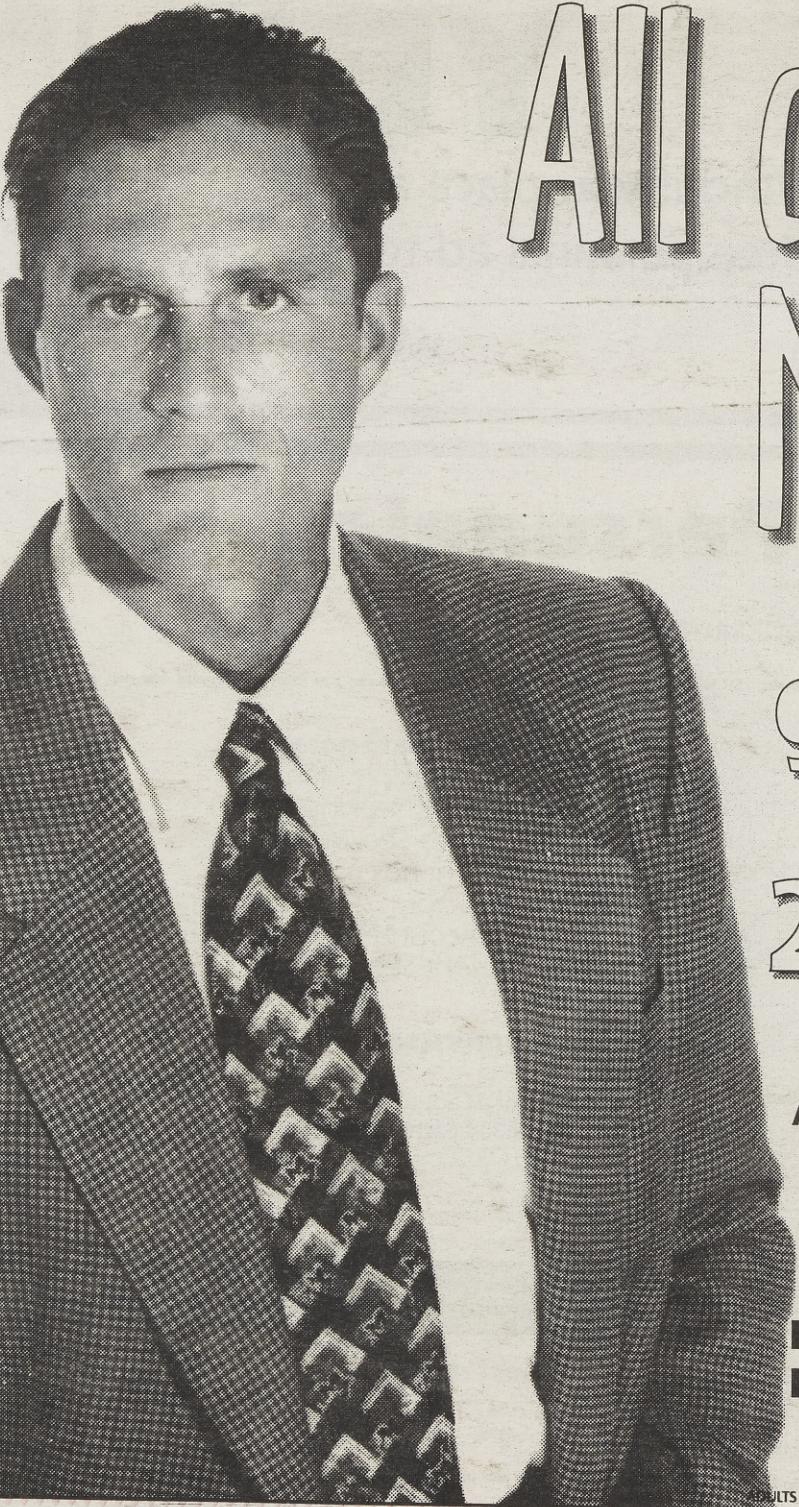
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